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THE PROVERBS.

1 THE PROVERBS OF SOLOMON the son of David, king of Israel;
2 To know wisdom and instruction;
To understand the words of understanding;
3 To receive the instruction of wisdom,
Righteousness, and judgment, and equity;
4 To give prudence to the simple,
To the young man knowledge and discretion.
5 A wise man will hear, and will increase learning;
And a man of understanding will gain wise counsels;
6 To understand a proverb, and a hidden meaning,
The words of the wise, and their dark sayings.
7 The fear of Jehovah is the beginning of knowledge;
But fools despise wisdom and instruction.
8 My son, hear the instruction of thy father,
And forsake not the law of thy mother.
9 For they will be a wreath of grace to thy head,
And a necklace about thy neck.
10 My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.
11 If they say, 'Come with us, let us lay wait for blood,
'Let us lurk privily without cause for the innocent;
12 'Let us swallow them up alive as the grave,
'And whole, as those that go down into the pit;
13 'We shall find all precious wealth,
'We shall fill our houses with spoil;
14 'Cast in thy lot among us; let us all have one purse;'
15 My son, walk not thou in the way with them;
Refrain thy foot from their path;
16 For their feet run to evil, and hasten to shed blood.
17 But the net is spread in vain in the sight of any bird.

And they lay wait for their own blood; 18
They lurk privily for their own lives.
So are the ways of every one greedy of gain. 19
It taketh away the life of the owners thereof.
Wisdom crieth aloud outside; 20
She uttereth her voice in the broad places;
She crieth in the chief place of concourse; 21
In the openings of the gates, in the city,
She uttereth her words, [saying,]
How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? 22
And the scorners delight in their scorning,
And fools hate knowledge?
Turn you at my reproof; 23
Behold, I will pour out my spirit upon you,
I will make known my words unto you.
Because I called, and ye refused; 24
I stretched out my hand, and no man regarded;
And ye have set at nought all my counsel, 25
And would have none of my reproof;
I also will laugh at your calamity; 26
I will mock when your fear cometh.
When your fear cometh as a tempest, 27
And your calamity cometh as a whirlwind;
When distress and anguish come upon you;
Then will they call on me, but I will not answer; 28
They will seek me early, but they shall not find me;
Because they hated knowledge, 29
And did not choose the fear of Jehovah.
They would have none of my counsel; 30
They despised all my reproof;
And they shall eat the fruit of their own ways, 31
And be filled with their own devices.
For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, 32
And the prosperity of fools shall destroy them.
But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, 33
And shall be quiet from fear of evil.
My son, if thou wilt receive my words, II. 1
And lay up my commandments with thee;
So that thou give thine ear unto wisdom, 2
And incline thine heart to understanding;
Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, 3
And liftest up thy voice for understanding;

4 If thou seekest for her as silver,
And searchest for her as for hidden treasures;
5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of Jehovah,
And shalt find the knowledge of God.
6 For Jehovah giveth wisdom;
From his mouth come knowledge and understanding.
7 He layeth up safe counsel for the righteous;
He is a shield to them that walk in honesty,
8 To guard the paths of judgment;
And he preserveth the way of his godly ones.
9 Then shalt thou understand righteousness,
And judgment, and equity, with every good path.
10 When wisdom entereth into thine heart,
And knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul;
11 Discretion shall watch over thee,
Understanding shall guard thee;
12 To deliver thee from the way of the evil man,
From the man that speaketh froward things;
13 Who leave the paths of uprightness,
To walk in the ways of darkness;
14 Who rejoice to do evil,
And delight in the frowardness of the wicked;
15 Whose ways are crooked, and they go aside in their paths;
16 To deliver thee from the strange woman,
From the foreigner who flattereth with her words;
17 Who forsaketh the guide of her youth,
And forgetteth the covenant of her God;
18 (For her house inclineth unto death,
And her paths unto the evil spirits;
19 None that go unto her return again,
Neither attain they to the paths of life;)
20 So that thou mayest walk in the way of good men,
And keep the paths of the righteous.
21 For the upright shall dwell in the land,
And the honest shall remain in it.
22 But the wicked shall be cut off from the land,
And trangressors shall be rooted out of it.

1 My son, forget not my law;
But let thine heart keep my commands;
2 For length of days, and years of life,
And peace, shall they add to thee.
3 Let not kindness and truth forsake thee;

Bind them about thy neck;
Write them upon the table of thy heart;
So shalt thou find favour and good success 4
In the sight of God and man.
Trust in Jehovah with all thine heart; 5
And lean not upon thine own understanding.
In all thy ways acknowledge him, 6
And he will direct thy paths.
Be not wise in thine own eyes; 7
Fear Jehovah, and depart from evil.
It will be health to thy muscles, and marrow to thy bones. 8
Honour Jehovah with thy riches, 9
And with the firstfruits of all thine increase;
So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, 10
And thy presses shall burst out with grape juice.
My son, despise not the chastening of Jehovah; 11
Neither be weary of his correction.
For whom Jehovah loveth he correcteth; 12
Even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.
Happy is the man that findeth Wisdom, 13
And the man that getteth understanding.
For the trade of it is better than the trade of silver, 14
And the gain thereof than fine gold.
She is more precious than pearls; 15
And all thou canst desire is not to be compared to her.
Length of days is in her right hand; 16
And in her left hand riches and honour.
Her ways are ways of pleasantness, 17
And all her paths are peace.
She is a tree of life to them that lay hold of her; 18
And happy is every one that retaineth her.
Jehovah by wisdom founded the earth; 19
By understanding he established the heavens.
By his knowledge the depths do burst forth, 20
And the skies drop down the dew.
My son, let not these things depart from thine eyes; 21
Keep safe counsel and discretion.
So shall they be life to thy soul, and grace to thy neck. 22
Then shalt thou walk in thy way trustfully, 23
And thy foot shall not stumble.
When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid; 24
Yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet.

25 Be not afraid of sudden fear,
Nor of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh.
26 For Jehovah will be thy confidence,
And he will keep thy foot from being caught.
27 Withhold not good from them to whom it is due,
When it is in the power of thine hand to do it.
28 Say not to thy neighbour, 'Go, and come again,
'And to-morrow I will give;' when thou hast it by thee.
29 Devise not evil against thy neighbour,
Seeing he dwelleth trustfully by thee.
30 Strive not with a man without cause,
If he have done thee no harm.
31 Envy thou not the man of violence,
And choose none of his ways.
32 For the froward man is hateful to Jehovah;
But His friendship is with the righteous.
33 The curse of Jehovah is on the house of the wicked;
But he blesseth the habitation of the just.
34 Surely he scorneth the scorners;
But he giveth grace unto the lowly.
35 The wise will inherit glory;
But disgrace raiseth up the fools.

1 Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father,
And attend to know understanding.
2 For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law.
3 For I was a son tender to my father,
And only beloved in the sight of my mother.
4 He taught me also, and said unto me,
Let thine heart retain my words;
Keep my commandments, and live.
5 Get Wisdom, get understanding; forget it not;
Neither decline from the words of my mouth.
6 Forsake her not, and she will preserve thee;
Love her, and she will keep thee.
7 Wisdom is the chief thing; get wisdom;
And with all thy getting get understanding.
8 Exalt her, and she will raise thee;
She will bring thee to honour, if thou embracest her.
9 She will give to thine head a wreath of grace;
A crown of beauty will she deliver to thee.
10 Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings;
And the years of thy life will be many.

I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; 11
I have guided thee in right roads.
When thou goest, thy steps will not be hindered; 12
And when thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble.
Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go; 13
Keep her; for she is thy life.
Enter not into the path of the wicked, 14
And be not led into the way of evil men.
Avoid it, pass not along it, turn from it, and pass on. 15
For they sleep not, unless they have done evil; 16
And their sleep is spoiled, unless they cause ruin.
For they eat the bread of wickedness, 17
And drink the wine of violence.
But the path of the righteous is as the clear light, 18
That shineth more and more unto the perfect day.
The way of the wicked is as darkness; 19
They know not at what they stumble.
My son, attend to my words; 20
Incline thine ear unto my sayings.
Let them not depart from thine eyes; 21
Keep them in the midst of thine heart.
For they are life unto those that find them, 22
And medicine to all their flesh.
Keep thy heart with all diligence; 23
For out of it are the issues of life.
Put away from thee frowardness of mouth, 24
And perverseness of lips put far from thee.
Let thine eyes look right on, 25
And let thine eyelids be set straight before thee.
Consider well the path of thy feet, 26
And let all thy ways be ordered aright.
Turn not to the right hand nor to the left; 27
Remove thy foot from evil.

My son, attend unto my wisdom, 1
Bow thine ear to my understanding;
That thou mayest regard discretion, 2
And that thy lips may keep knowledge.
Though the lips of a strange woman drop honey, 3
And her mouth is smoother than oil;
Yet her end is bitter as wormwood, 4
Sharp as a two-edged sword.
Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell. 5

6 Lest thou shouldest consider well the path of life,
Her ways are moveable, thou canst not know them.
7 Hear me now therefore, O ye sons,
And depart not from the words of my mouth.
8 Remove thy way far from her,
And come not nigh the door of her house;
9 Lest thou give thine honour unto others,
And thy years unto the cruel;
10 Lest strangers be filled with thy wealth;
And thy labours be in the house of a foreigner;
11 And thou groan in grief at the last,
When thy flesh and thy body are consumed,
12 And say, 'How I hated instruction,
'And my heart despised reproof;
13 'And I obeyed not the voice of my teachers,
'Nor inclined mine ear to them that instructed me!
14 'I was in almost all evil
'In the midst of the assembly and congregation.'
15 Drink waters out of thine own cistern,
And running waters out of thine own well.
16 (Let thy fountains be dispersed abroad,
And streams of waters in the broad places.)
17 Let them be thine only, and not strangers' with thee.
18 Let thy fountain be blessed;
And rejoice with the wife of thy youth,
19 As a loving hind or a pleasant roe.
Let her breasts refresh thee at all times;
And be thou ravished always with her love.
20 And why, my son, be ravished with a strange woman,
And embrace the bosom of a foreigner?
21 For the ways of man are before the eyes of Jehovah,
And he considereth well all his goings.
22 His own iniquities will catch the wicked man;
And he will be held with the cords of his sin.
23 He will die without instruction;
And in the greatness of his folly he goeth astray.
1 My son, if thou hast given bond to thy neighbour,
Or hast struck thy hand [in promise] with a stranger,
2 Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth,
Thou art caught with the words of thy mouth.
3 Do this now, my son, and deliver thyself,
Because thou art come into the hand of thy neighbour;

Go, humble thyself, and prevail with thy neighbour.
Give not sleep to thine eyes, nor slumber to thine eyelids. 4
Deliver thyself as a roe from a man's hand, 5
And as a bird from the hand of the fowler.
Go to the ant, thou sluggard; 6
Consider her ways, and be wise;
Who having no guide, overseer, or ruler, 7
Provideth her meat in the summer, 8
And gathereth her food in the harvest.
How long wilt thou lie in bed, O sluggard? 9
When wilt thou arise out of thy sleep?
Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, 10
A little folding of the hands for lying down;
And thy poverty will come as one that travelleth, 11
And thy want as an armed man.
A man of sin, an evil one, walketh with froward mouth. 12
He winketh with his eyes, he speaketh with his feet, 13
He teacheth with his fingers;
Fraud is in his heart, he deviseth mischief; 14
He is at all times casting abroad discord.
Therefore shall his calamity come suddenly; 15
Suddenly shall he be broken without remedy.
These six things doth Jehovah hate; 16
Yea, seven are an abomination to his soul;
Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, 17
And hands that shed innocent blood,
A heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, 18
Feet that are swift in running to mischief,
A false witness that breatheth lies, 19
And he that soweth discord among brethren.
My son, keep thy father's command, 20
And forsake not the law of thy mother;
Bind them continually upon thine heart, 21
Tie them about thy neck.
When thou goest about, it will lead thee; 22
When thou liest down, it will watch over thee;
And when thou awakest, it will be thy meditation.
For a command is a lamp; and a law is a light; 23
And reproofs of the teacher are the way of life;
To keep thee from the evil woman, 24
From the flattery of the tongue of a foreign woman.
Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; 25

Neither let her take thee with her eyelids.
26 For by a harlot man is brought to a piece of bread;
And the adulteress hunteth for the precious soul.
27 Can a man take fire in his bosom,
And his clothes not be burned?
28 Can one walk on hot coals, and his feet not be scorched?
29 So is he that goeth in to his neighbour's wife;
Whosoever toucheth her will not be held guiltless.
30 Men do not despise a thief,
If he steal to satisfy his soul when he is starving;
31 But if he be found out, he shall restore sevenfold;
He shall give all the wealth of his house.
32 The adulterer lacketh understanding;
He that doeth it destroyeth his own soul.
33 Wounds and dishonour shall he get;
And his reproach shall not be wiped away.
34 For jealousy is the rage of a husband;
And he will not spare in the day of vengeance.
35 He will not regard any ransom;
Nor be content, though thou givest many bribes.

1 My son, keep my words, and lay up my commands with thee.
2 Keep my commands, and live;
And my law as the apple of thine eye.
3 Bind them upon thy fingers,
Write them upon the table of thine heart.
4 Say unto Wisdom, 'Thou art my sister;'
And call understanding thy kinswoman;
5 That they may keep thee from the strange woman,
From the foreigner who flattereth with her words.
6 When at the window of my house
I looked through my casement,
7 And I beheld among the simple ones,
I observed among the youths,
A young man void of understanding,
8 Passing through the street near the corner;
And he went the way to her house,
9 In the twilight, in the evening of the day,
In the very middle of the night or in the dark;
10 And, behold, there met him a woman
With the attire of a harlot, and subtil of heart.
11 (She is loud and bold; her feet abide not at home;

Now is she without, now in the streets, 12
And she lieth in wait near to every corner.)
So she caught him, and kissed him, 13
She hardened her face and said unto him,
'I have sacrifices of peace offerings with me; 14
'This day have I payed my vows.
'Therefore came I forth to meet thee, 15
'Diligently to seek thy face; and I have found thee.
'I have decked my bed with coverings of tapestry, 16
'With embroidered fine linen of Egypt.
'I have sprinkled my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon. 17
'Come, let us take our fill of love till the morning; 18
'Let us delight ourselves with loves.
'For my husband is not at home, he is gone a long journey; 19
'He hath taken a bag of money in his hand; 20
'He will come home at the day of the full moon.'
With her many arts she led him aside; 21
With the flattering of her lips she forced him.
He goeth after her at once, as an ox to the slaughter, 22
He cometh even as a fool in fetters to punishment;
Till a dart strike through his liver; 23
As a bird hasteneth to the snare,
And knoweth not that it is for his life.
Hearken unto me now therefore, O my sons, 24
And attend to the words of my mouth.
Let not thine heart turn aside to her ways, 25
Go not astray in her paths.
For she hath cast down many wounded; 26
Yea, strong men have all been slain by her.
Her house is the way to hell, 27
Going down to the chambers of death.
Doth not WISDOM cry? 1
And understanding put forth her voice?
On the top of high places, by the way, 2
She placeth her house by the paths.
By the side of the gates, at the entrance of the city, 3
At the coming in of the doorways, she crieth aloud.
To you, O men, I call; and my voice is to the sons of Adam. 4
O ye simple, understand prudence; 5
And, ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart.
Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; 6

And the opening of my lips shall be right things.
7 For my mouth shall speak truth;
And wickedness is an abomination to my lips.
8 All the words of my mouth are in righteousness;
There is nothing crooked or perverse in them.
9 They are all plain to him that understandeth,
And right to them that find knowledge.
10 Receive my instruction, and not silver;
And knowledge is to be chosen rather than gold.
11 For wisdom is better than pearls;
And all that may be desired cannot be compared to it.
12 I Wisdom dwell with prudence,
And I find out the knowledge of counsels.
13 The fear of Jehovah is to hate evil;
Pride, and arrogance, and the evil way,
And the froward mouth, do I hate.
14 Advice is mine, and safe counsel;
I am understanding; I have strength.
15 By me kings reign, and princes decree justice.
16 By me rulers rule, and nobles, all the judges of the earth.
17 I love them that love me;
And those that seek me early shall find me.
18 Wealth and honour are with me;
Yea, durable riches and righteousness.
19 My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine gold;
And my revenue is to be chosen rather than silver.
20 I walk in the way of righteousness,
In the midst of the paths of judgment;
21 To cause those that love me to inherit wealth;
And I will fill their storehouses.
22 Jehovah possessed me in the beginning of his way,
Before his works, from of old.
23 I was formed from everlasting,
From the beginning, before the earth was.
24 When there were no depths, I was brought forth;
When there were no fountains abounding with water.
25 Before the mountains were settled,
Before the hills was I brought forth;
26 While yet he had not made the earth, nor the plains,
Nor the highest part of the dust of the world.
27 When he prepared the heavens, I was there;
When he fixed the circle upon the face of the deep;

When he established the skies above;
When he stopped up the fountains of the deep;
When he gave to the sea his decree,
That the waters should not pass its shore;
When he appointed the foundations of the earth;
Then I was by him as his workman;
And I was a daily delight, sporting ever before him;
Sporting in the habitable part of his earth;
And my delights were with the sons of Adam.
Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children;
For blessed are they that keep my ways.
Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not.
Blessed is the man that heareth me,
Watching daily at my doors, waiting at my doorposts.
For whoso findeth me findeth life,
And he will obtain favour from Jehovah.
But sinners wrong their own souls;
All they that hate me love death.
Wisdom hath builded her house,
She hath hewn out her seven pillars;
She hath killed her meat; she hath mingled her wine;
She hath also furnished her table.
She hath sent forth her maidens;
She crieth on the high battlements of the city,
'Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither.'
To him that wanteth understanding she saith,
'Come ye, eat of my bread,
'And drink of the wine which I have mingled.
'Forsake the foolish, and live;
'And go in the way of understanding.'
Whoso teacheth a scorner getteth to himself shame;
And he that reproveth a wicked man, his own blot.
Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee;
Reprove a wise man, and he will love thee.
Instruct a wise man, and he will be yet wiser;
Teach a righteous man, and he will learn more.
The fear of Jehovah is the beginning of wisdom;
And the knowledge of holy things is understanding.
For by me thy days shall be multiplied,
And the years of thy life shall be increased.
If thou be wise, thou wilt be wise for thyself;
And if thou scornest, thou alone wilt bear it.

13 A foolish woman is clamorous;
She is simple, and knoweth nothing whatever.
14 For she sitteth at the doorway of her house,
On a seat in the high places of the city,
15 To call to those who are passing on their way,
Who are going right on their road;
16 'Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither.'
And to him that wanteth understanding she saith,
17 'Stolen waters are sweet, and the bread of secrecy is pleasant.'
18 But he knoweth not that evil spirits are there;
And that her guests are in the depths of hell.

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1 THE PROVERBS OF SOLOMON.
A wise son gladdeneth his father;
But a foolish son is the grief of his mother.
2 The treasures of wickedness profit nothing;
But righteousness delivereth from death.
3 Jehovah will not let the soul of the righteous famish;
But he driveth away the desires of the wicked.
4 He will be poor that worketh with an idle hand;
But the hand of the diligent maketh rich.
5 He that gathereth in summer is a wise son;
He that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame.
6 Blessings are on the head of the righteous;
But the mouth of the wicked concealeth violence.
7 The memory of the righteous is blessed;
But the name of the wicked shall rot.
8 The wise in heart will receive commands;
But a prating fool will fall headlong.
9 Whoso walketh in honesty walketh without fear;
But he that maketh his ways crooked will be known.
10 He that winketh with the eye causeth sorrow;
And a prating fool will fall headlong.
11 The mouth of a righteous man is a wellspring of life;
But the mouth of the wicked concealeth violence.
12 Hatred stirreth up strifes;
But love covereth over all transgressions.
13 In the lips of a prudent man wisdom is found;
But a rod is for the back of him that is void of sense.
14 Wise men lay up knowledge;
But the mouth of the foolish is near unto ruin.

The rich man's wealth is his strong city; 15
Their poverty is the ruin of the poor.
The labour of the righteous tendeth to life; 16
The fruit of the wicked unto sin.
He that keepeth instruction is in the way of life; 17
But he that refuseth reproof will go wrong.
He that hideth hatred hath lying lips, 18
And he that uttereth a slander is a fool.
In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin; 19
But he that refraineth his lips is wise.
The tongue of the just is as choice silver; 20
The sense of the wicked is little worth.
The lips of the righteous feed many; 21
But fools die for want of sense.
The blessing of Jehovah, it maketh rich, 22
And he addeth no sorrow with it.
It is as sport to a fool to make mischief; 23
But a man of understanding hath wisdom.
The fear of the wicked, it shall come upon him; 24
But the desire of the righteous will be granted.
As the whirlwind passeth, so the wicked is no more; 25
But the righteous hath an everlasting foundation.
As vinegar to the teeth, and as smoke to the eyes, 26
So is the sluggard to them that send him.
The fear of Jehovah prolongeth days; 27
But the years of the wicked will be shortened.
The hope of the righteous will be gladness; 28
But the expectation of the wicked perisheth.
The way of Jehovah is strength to the honest; 29
But a terror to the workers of iniquity.
The righteous will never be removed; 30
But the wicked shall not inhabit the land.
The mouth of the just bringeth forth wisdom; 31
But the froward tongue shall be cut out.
The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable; 32
But the mouth of the wicked speaketh frowardness.

A false balance is hateful to Jehovah; 1
But a just weight is his delight.
When boasting cometh, then cometh shame; 2
But with the lowly is wisdom.
The honesty of the upright will guide them; 3
But the perverseness of deceivers destroyeth them.

4 Riches will not profit in the day of wrath;
But righteousness will deliver from death.
5 The righteousness of the honest directeth his way;
But the wicked will fall by his own wickedness.
6 The righteousness of the upright will deliver them;
But deceivers will be taken in their own desires.
7 When a wicked man dieth, his hope perisheth;
And the expectation of unjust men perisheth.
8 The righteous is delivered out of trouble,
And the wicked cometh into it in his stead.
9 The ungodly with his mouth destroyeth his friend;
But by knowledge are the righteous delivered.
10 In the welfare of the righteous the city rejoiceth;
And when the wicked perish, there is joyful shouting.
11 By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted;
But it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.
12 Whoso despiseth his neighbour is void of sense;
But a man of understanding holdeth his peace.
13 A talebearer goeth about revealing secrets;
But one of a faithful spirit concealeth a matter.
14 Where there is no guidance, the people fall;
But in the multitude of counsellors there is safety.
15 He that is surety for a stranger shall sorely smart;
And he that hateth giving bond is sure.
16 A gracious woman retaineth honour;
And powerful men retain riches.
17 The man of kindness doeth good to his own soul;
But he that is cruel troubleth his own flesh.
18 The wicked worketh for deceitful wages;
But he that soweth righteousness hath a sure reward.
19 As righteousness leadeth to life;
So he that pursueth evil goeth to his own death.
20 Men of a froward heart are hateful to Jehovah;
But such as are honest in their way are his delight.
21 As hand fitteth hand, crime will not be unpunished;
But the seed of the righteous will be delivered.
22 As a ring of gold in a swine's snout,
So is a fair woman who departeth from discretion.
23 The desire of the righteous is only for good;
But the expectation of the wicked is wrath.
24 There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth;
But withholding what is meet leadeth to poverty.

The liberal soul will be made fat; 25
And he that watereth will be watered also himself.
Him that withholdeth corn, the people will curse; 26
But blessing will be on the head of him that selleth.
He that seeketh good early searcheth for favour; 27
But he that seeketh mischief, it will come on him.
He that trusteth in his riches will fall; 28
But the righteous will flourish as a leaf.
Whoso troubleth his own house will inherit the wind; 29
And the fool will be servant to the wise of heart.
The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; 30
And he that winneth souls is wise.
Behold, the righteous is recompensed on earth; 31
Much more are the wicked and the sinner.
Whoso loveth instruction loveth knowledge; 1
But he that hateth reproof is brutish.
A good man obtaineth favour from Jehovah; 2
But a man of wicked devices will he condemn.
A man shall not be established by wickedness; 3
But the root of the righteous shall not be moved.
A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband; 4
But the shameful is as rottenness in his bones.
The thoughts of the righteous are right; 5
But the counsels of the wicked are deceit.
The words of the wicked lie in wait for blood; 6
But the mouth of the upright shall deliver them.
The wicked are overthrown, and are not; 7
But the house of the righteous shall stand.
A man shall be praised according to his wisdom; 8
But he that is of a perverse heart will be despised.
Better is he that is slighted, and hath a servant, 9
Than he that honoureth himself, and lacketh bread.
A righteous man careth for the life of his beast; 10
But the bowels of the wicked are cruel.
He that tilleth his land will be filled with bread; 11
But he that followeth vanities is void of sense.
The wicked desireth the stronghold of evil men; 12
But the root of the righteous yieldeth fruit.
The wicked is ensnared by the trespass of his lips; 13
But the righteous will come out of trouble.
A man is filled with good by the fruit of his mouth; 14
And the reward of man's hands will be repaid to him.

5 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes;
But he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.
6 A fool maketh known his wrath on the same day;
But a prudent man covereth his dishonour.
7 He that uttereth truth sheweth righteousness;
But a false witness sheweth forth deceit.
8 There is that speaketh like the stabs of a sword;
But the tongue of the wise bringeth health.
9 The lip of truth shall be established for ever;
But the lying tongue is but for a moment.
10 Deceit is in the heart of them that contrive evil;
But unto the counsellors of peace is joy.
11 No misfortune happeneth to the righteous;
But the wicked will be filled with evil.
12 Lying lips are hateful to Jehovah;
But they that deal truly are his delight.
13 A prudent man concealeth what he knoweth;
But the heart of fools proclaimeth foolishness.
14 The hand of the diligent will bear rule;
But the slothful will be under tribute.
15 Care in the heart of man maketh it stoop;
But a good word maketh it glad.
16 The righteous searcheth the way for his friend;
But the way of the wicked leadeth them astray.
17 The slothful roasteth not what he took in hunting;
But the substance of a diligent man is precious.
18 In the way of righteousness is life;
But the trodden way leadeth to death.
19 A wise son heareth his father's instruction;
But a scorner heareth not rebuke.
20 A man shall eat good by the fruit of his mouth;
But the soul of the transgressors shall eat violence.
21 He that guardeth his mouth keepeth his life;
He that openeth wide his lips will have destruction.
22 The sluggard desireth, and his soul hath nothing;
But the soul of the diligent will be made fat.
23 A righteous man hateth words of falsehood;
But wickedness polluteth and bringeth to shame.
24 Righteousness guardeth the honest man in his way;
But wickedness overthroweth the sinner.
25 One maketh himself rich, yet hath nothing;
Another maketh himself poor, yet hath great riches.

The ransom of a man's life are his riches;
But the poor heareth not rebuke.
The light of the righteous rejoiceth;
But the lamp of the wicked shall be put out.
A vain man by boasting causeth strife;
But with the well advised is wisdom.
Wealth gotten by vanity will be lessened;
But that gathered by labour will increase.
Hope deferred maketh the heart sick;
But when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life.
Whoso despiseth the word will be punished;
But he that feareth the command will be rewarded.
The law of the wise is a wellspring of life,
To depart from the snares of death.
Good understanding giveth favour;
But the way of transgressors is hard.
Every prudent man worketh with knowledge;
But a fool spreadeth abroad his folly.
A wicked messenger falleth into mischief;
But a faithful ambassador bringeth health.
Want and shame are for him that refuseth advice;
But he that regardeth reproof will be honoured.
Desire accomplished is sweet to the soul;
But it is hateful to fools to depart from evil.
He that walketh with wise men will become wise;
But a companion of fools will be destroyed.
Evil pursueth sinners;
But to the righteous good will be repayed.
A good man leaveth an inheritance to his sons' sons;
And the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just.
Much food cometh of the tillage of the poor;
But wealth is wasted by want of judgment.
He that spareth his rod hateth his son;
But he that loveth him is quick to chasten him.
The righteous eateth till his soul is satisfied;
But the belly of the wicked will want.
Every wise woman buildeth up her house;
But the foolish plucketh it down with her own hands.
Whoso walketh in his uprightness feareth Jehovah;
But he that is perverse in his ways despiseth him.
In the mouth of the foolish is a rod for pride;
But the lips of wise men will preserve them.

4 Where no oxen are, the crib is clean;
But much increase is by the strength of the ox.
5 A faithful witness will not lie;
But a false witness breatheth lies.
6 A scorner seeketh wisdom, and findeth it not;
But knowledge is easy to a man of understanding.
7 Go from the presence of a foolish man,
When thou perceivest not in him lips of knowledge.
8 The wisdom of the prudent teacheth his way;
But the folly of fools is deceit.
9 Guilt joineth fools in fellowship;
But between the righteous there is favour.
10 The heart knoweth its own bitterness;
And a stranger doth not partake of its joy.
11 The house of the wicked will be overthrown;
But the tent of the upright will flourish.
12 There is a way which seemeth right to a man,
But at the end thereof are the ways of death.
13 Even in laughter the heart is sorrowful;
And the end of mirth is sadness.
14 The backslider in heart is full of his own ways;
And a good man will be satisfied with himself.
15 The simple believeth every word;
But the prudent man looketh well to his going.
16 A wise man feareth, and departeth from evil;
But the fool rusheth on, and is confident.
17 He that is soon angry, acteth foolishly;
And a man of wicked devices is hated.
18 The simple inherit folly;
But the prudent are crowned with knowledge.
19 Evil men bow down before the good;
And the wicked at the gates of the righteous.
20 The poor is hated even by his own neighbour;
But the rich man hath many friends.
21 He that despiseth his neighbour sinneth;
But he that sheweth favour to the poor, happy is he.
22 Do not they err that devise evil?
But kindness and truth are workers of good.
23 In all labour there is profit;
But the talk of the lips tendeth only to want.
24 The crown of the wise is their riches;
But the foolishness of fools is folly.

A true witness delivereth souls; 25
But deceit uttereth lies.
In the fear of Jehovah is strong confidence; 26
And his children have a place of refuge.
The fear of Jehovah is a wellspring of life, 27
To depart from the snares of death.
In the multitude of people is the king's honour; 28
And in the want of people is the prince's ruin.
Slowness to anger is great discretion; 29
But a hasty spirit setteth up folly.
A sound heart is the life of the flesh; 30
But envy is the rottenness of the bones.
Whoso oppresseth the poor defieth his Maker; 31
But he honoureth Him that sheweth favour to the poor.
The wicked is driven away by his wickedness; 32
But the righteous hath hope in his death.
Wisdom resteth in the understanding heart; 33
But that which is within fools is made known.
Righteousness exalteth a nation; 34
But sin is a reproach to any people.
The king's favour is toward a wise servant; 35
But his wrath is against him that causeth shame.
A soft answer turneth away wrath; 1
But grievous words stir up anger.
The tongue of the wise maketh knowledge pleasant; 2
But the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness.
The eyes of Jehovah are in every place, 3
Beholding the evil and the good.
A healing tongue is a tree of life; 4
But perverseness therein is a breach of the spirit.
A fool despiseth his father's instruction; 5
But he that regardeth reproof is prudent.
In the house of the righteous is much treasure; 6
But in the revenues of the wicked is trouble.
The lips of the wise scatter knowledge; 7
But the heart of the foolish doeth not so.
The sacrifice of the wicked is hateful to Jehovah; 8
But the prayer of the upright is his delight.
The way of the wicked is hateful to Jehovah; 9
But he loveth him that followeth after righteousness.
Advice is grievous to him that forsaketh the way; 10
He that hateth reproof shall die.

11 Hell and the pit of destruction are open to Jehovah;
Much more then the hearts of the children of Adam.
12 A scorner loveth not one that reproveth him;
Neither will he go unto the wise.
13 A merry heart maketh a cheerful face;
But by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.
14 The heart that understandeth seeketh knowledge;
But the mouth of fools feedeth on foolishness.
15 All the days of the afflicted are evil;
But a man of a merry heart hath a continual feast.
16 Better is little with the fear of Jehovah,
Than great treasure and trouble therewith.
17 Better is a dinner of herbs where love is,
Than a stalled ox and hatred therewith.
18 A wrathful man stirreth up strife;
But he that is slow to anger appeaseth contention.
19 The way of the slothful is as a hedge of thorns;
But the way of the righteous is a paved road.
20 A wise son maketh his father glad;
But a foolish man despiseth his mother.
21 Folly is joy to him that is void of sense;
But a man of understanding walketh uprightly.
22 Without counsel purposes are defeated;
But are established in the multitude of counsellors.
23 A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth;
And a word in due season, how good is it!
24 The way of life to the wise is upward,
That he may depart from hell below.
25 Jehovah will destroy the house of the proud;
But he will set up the landmark of the widow.
26 The thoughts of the wicked are hateful to Jehovah;
But the words of the pure are pleasant to him.
27 He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house;
But he that hateth gifts maketh it live.
28 The heart of the righteous studieth to answer;
But the mouth of the wicked poureth out evil.
29 Jehovah is far from the wicked;
But he hearkeneth to the prayer of the righteous.
30 The light of the eyes rejoiceth the heart;
Hearing what is good maketh the bones fat.
31 The ear that heareth the reproof of life
Will dwell among the wise.

Whoso refuseth instruction despiseth his soul; 32
But he that heareth reproof getteth sense.
The fear of Jehovah is what wisdom teacheth; 33
And before honour is humility.

The disposings of the heart are in man; 1
But the answer of the tongue is from Jehovah.
All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; 2
But Jehovah weigheth the spirits.
Commit thy works unto Jehovah, 3
And thy purposes shall be established.
Every work of Jehovah hath its own purpose; 4
Yea, even the wicked are for the day of evil.
All pride of heart is hateful to Jehovah; 5
As hand fitteth hand, it shall not be unpunished.
By kindness and truth iniquity is purged; 6
And by the fear of Jehovah men depart from evil.
When a man's ways please Jehovah, 7
He maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.
Better is a little with righteousness, 8
Than great revenues without justice.
A man's heart deviseth his way; 9
But Jehovah directeth his steps.
Divination belongeth to the lips of the king; 10
His mouth transgresseth not in judgment.
A just weight and balance are of Jehovah; 11
All the weights of the bag are his work.
It is hateful for kings to commit wickedness; 12
For the throne is established by righteousness.
Righteous lips are the delight of kings; 13
And he loveth the words of the upright.
The wrath of a king is as messengers of death; 14
And a wise man will pacify it.
In the light of the king's countenance is life; 15
And his favour is as the clouds of the latter rain.
How much better is it to get wisdom than gold! 16
And to get understanding is to be chosen before silver.
The highway of the upright leadeth away from evil; 17
He that keepeth his way preserveth his soul.
Pride goeth before destruction, 18
And a haughty spirit before a fall.
Better it is to be of a meek spirit with the lowly, 19
Than to divide the spoil with the proud.

20 He that handleth a matter wisely findeth good;
And whoso trusteth in Jehovah, happy is he.
21 The wise in heart shall be called prudent;
And sweetness of the lips increaseth learning.
22 Prudence is a wellspring of life to him that hath it;
But the advice of fools is folly.
23 The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth;
And addeth learning to his lips.
24 Pleasant words are a honeycomb of sweets;
Sweet to the soul, and healthful to the bones.
25 There is a way that seemeth right to a man,
But at the end thereof are the ways of death.
26 He that laboureth laboureth for himself;
For his mouth hath laid a burden on him.
27 An ungodly man diggeth up evil;
And in his lips there is as a burning fire.
28 A froward man casteth abroad strife;
And a talebearer separateth chief friends.
29 A violent man enticeth his neighbour,
And leadeth him into the way that is not good.
30 He shutteth his eyes to devise fraud;
Slightly moving his lips he bringeth evil to pass.
31 The hoary head is a crown of glory,
If it be found in the way of righteousness.
32 He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty;
And he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.
33 The lot is cast into the lap;
But its whole deciding is from Jehovah.

1 Better is a dry morsel, and quietness therewith,
Than a house full of sacrifices with strife.
2 A wise servant ruleth over a son that causeth shame,
And hath part of the inheritance among the brethren.
3 The fining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold;
But Jehovah trieth the hearts.
4 A wicked man giveth heed to false lips;
And a liar giveth ear to a wicked tongue.
5 Whoso mocketh the poor defieth his Maker;
He that is glad at calamities is not guiltless.
6 Children's children are the crown of old men;
And the glory of children are their fathers.
7 Excellent speech becometh not a fool;
Much less do lying lips a prince.

A gift is a precious stone in the eyes of its owner; 8
Whithersoever it turneth, it maketh him prosper.
He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; 9
But he that repeateth a matter parteth friends.
A reproof entereth deeper into a wise man 10
Than an hundred stripes into a fool.
An evil man seeketh only rebellion; 11
And a cruel messenger should be sent against him.
Let a bear robbed of her cubs meet a man, 12
Rather than a fool in his folly.
Whoso rewardeth evil for good, 13
Evil shall not depart from his house.
The beginning of a quarrel is a letting out of water; 14
But before it is made bitter strife may be left off.
Acquitting the wicked, and condemning the just, 15
Even both these are hateful to Jehovah.
Wherefore is there a price in the hand of a fool 16
To buy wisdom, seeing he hath no sense?
A friend loveth at all times, 17
And a brother is born for adversity.
A man void of sense striketh hands [in promise], 18
And becometh surety in the presence of his friend.
He loveth transgression that loveth strife; 19
And he that exalteth his doorway seeketh destruction.
He that hath a perverse heart findeth no good; 20
And he that hath a double tongue falleth into evil.
He that begetteth a fool doeth it to his sorrow; 21
And the father of a fool hath no joy.
A merry heart doeth good like a medicine; 22
But a broken spirit drieth the bones.
A wicked man taketh a bribe out of his bosom 23
To turn aside the ways of judgment.
Wisdom is with him that hath understanding; 24
But the eyes of a fool are at the ends of the earth.
A foolish son is a grief to his father, 25
And bitterness to her that bare him.
Also to punish the righteous is not good, 26
Nor to strike princes for being just.
He that hath knowledge spareth his words; 27
A man of understanding is of a quiet spirit.
Even a fool, when silent, is counted wise; 28
And he that shutteth his lips, a man of understanding.

1 The unsociable man seeketh his own desire;
And he quarrelleth with all safe counsel.
2 A fool hath no delight in understanding,
But rather that his sense may shew itself.
3 When wickedness cometh, then cometh contempt,
And with ignominy is reproach.
4 The words of a man's mouth are deep waters,
And the wellspring of wisdom is a flowing brook.
5 It is not good to accept the person of the wicked,
So as to overthrow the righteous in judgment.
6 A fool's lips enter into contention,
And his mouth calleth for blows.
7 A fool's mouth is his destruction,
And his lips are the snare of his soul.
8 The words of a talebearer are as dainty morsels,
And they go down into the chambers of the belly.
9 He also that is slothful in his work
Is brother to him that hath a habit of wasting.
10 The name of Jehovah is a tower of strength;
The righteous runneth into it, and is set aloft.
11 The rich man's wealth is his strong city,
And as a high wall in his own conceit.
12 Before destruction the heart of man is haughty,
But before honour is humility.
13 He that answereth before he heareth,
It is folly and shame unto him.
14 The spirit of a man will sustain his weakness,
But a wounded spirit who can bear?
15 The heart of the prudent getteth knowledge;
And the ear of the wise seeketh knowledge.
16 A man's gift maketh room for him,
And bringeth him into the presence of great men.
17 He that is first in his pleadings seemeth just:
But his neighbour cometh and cross-examineth him.
18 Casting of lots causeth contentions to cease,
And parteth between the mighty.
19 A brother offended is stronger than a strong city;
And their contentions are like the bars of a castle.
20 A man's belly is filled with the fruit of his mouth;
And with the produce of his lips shall he be filled.
21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue;
And they that love it will eat the fruit thereof.

Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, 22
And obtaineth favour from Jehovah.
The poor man uttereth entreaties; 23
But the rich man answereth roughly.
A man of many companions is nigh to ruin; 24
But there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.
Better is the poor that walketh in his honesty, 1
Than he that is perverse in his lips, and is a fool.
Also, without knowledge a soul is not good; 2
And he that hasteneth with his feet sinneth.
The foolishness of man perverteth his way; 3
And then his heart fretteth against Jehovah.
Wealth addeth many friends; 4
But the poor man is separated from his neighbour.
A false witness will not be held guiltless, 5
And he that uttereth lies shall not escape.
Many entreat the countenance of the prince; 6
And every man is a friend to him that giveth gifts.
All the brethren of the poor do hate him; 7
How much more do his friends go far from him!
He pursueth words, but they are nothing.
He that getteth sense loveth his own soul; 8
He that keepeth understanding shall find good.
A false witness will not be held guiltless, 9
And he that uttereth lies will perish.
Delicate living is not seemly for a fool; 10
Much less for a servant to have rule over princes.
The discretion of a man deferreth his anger; 11
And it is his glory to pass over a transgression.
The king's wrath roareth like a lion; 12
But his favour is as dew upon the grass.
A foolish son is the calamity of his father; 13
And the brawls of a wife are a continual dropping.
House and riches are the inheritance from fathers; 14
But a prudent wife is from Jehovah.
Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep; 15
And an idle soul shall suffer hunger.
He that keepeth a command keepeth his soul; 16
But he that despiseth its ways shall die.
He that hath pity on the poor lendeth to Jehovah; 17
And that which he hath given will He pay him again.

18 Chasten thy son while there is hope,
Yet desire not to have him put to death.
19 A man of great wrath shall suffer punishment;
For if thou deliver him, thou must even do it again.
20 Hear counsel and receive instruction,
So that thou mayest be wise in thy latter days.
21 There are many devices in a man's heart;
But the counsel of Jehovah, that shall stand.
22 What is desired of a man is his kindness;
And a poor man is better than a liar.
23 The fear of Jehovah leadeth to life;
And those filled with it abide unvisited by evil.
24 A slothful man hideth his hand in the dish,
And will not even bring it up to his mouth again.
25 Smite a scorner, and the simple will beware;
But who adviseth the wise teacheth knowledge.
26 Who robbeth his father, and chaseth away his mother,
Is a son that causeth shame, and bringeth reproach.
27 Cease, my son, to hearken to one that adviseth
To stray from the words of knowledge.
28 An ungodly witness scorneth judgment;
And the mouth of the wicked devoureth iniquity.
29 Judgments are prepared for scorners,
And stripes for the back of fools.
1 Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging;
And whosoever is led astray thereby is not wise.
2 The fear of a king roareth like a lion;
Whoso maketh him angry sinneth against his own life.
3 It is an honour for a man to cease from strife;
But every fool maketh himself angry.
4 The sluggard will not plow by reason of winter;
He will beg in harvest time, and have nothing.
5 Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water;
And a man of understanding will draw it out.
6 Many men proclaim each his own kindness;
But a faithful man who can find?
7 The righteous man walketh in his honesty;
His children are blessed after him.
8 A king that sitteth on a throne of judgment
Scattereth away all evil with his eyes.
9 Who can say, 'I have made my heart clean,
'I am pure from my sin?'

Divers weights, and divers measures, 10
Both of them are alike hateful to Jehovah.
Even a child maketh himself known by his doings, 11
Whether his work be pure, and whether it be right.
The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, 12
Jehovah hath made even both of them.
Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty; 13
Open thine eyes, thou shalt be filled with bread.
'It is bad, it is bad,' saith the buyer; 14
But when he is gone his way, then he boasteth.
There is gold, and a multitude of pearls; 15
But the lips of knowledge are a precious jewel.
Take his garment that is surety for a stranger; 16
And if for foreigners take a pledge of him.
Bread of deceit is sweet to a man; 17
But after it his mouth shall be filled with gravel.
Every purpose is established by counsel; 18
And with good advice make war.
Whoso walketh as a talebearer revealeth secrets; 19
And meddle not with him that enticeth with his lips.
Whoso curseth his father or his mother, 20
His lamp shall be put out in darkest darkness.
An inheritance may be gotten greedily at first; 21
But the end thereof shall not be blessed.
Say not thou, 'I will recompense evil;' 22
But wait for Jehovah, and he will save thee.
Divers weights are hateful to Jehovah; 23
And a deceiving balance is not good.
Man's goings are from Jehovah; 24
How can a man then understand his own way?
It is a snare if a man rashly declare a thing holy, 25
And after vowing make inquiry.
A wise king scattereth the wicked, 26
And bringeth the wheel over them.
The spirit of man is the lamp of Jehovah, 27
Searching all the chambers of the belly.
Kindness and truth guard the king; 28
And his throne is upheld by kindness.
The glory of young men is their strength; 29
And the ornament of old men is grey hair.
The bruises of a wound are a remedy against evil; 30
So are stripes for the chambers of the belly.

1 The king's heart is a water pipe in the hand of Jehovah;
He turneth it whithersoever he will.
2 Every way of a man is right in his own eyes;
But Jehovah weigheth the hearts.
3 To do justice and judgment
Is more acceptable to Jehovah than sacrifice.
4 A high look, and a greedy heart,
Which are the lamp of the wicked, are sin.
5 The purposes of the diligent lead only to plenty;
But those of every hasty man only to want.
6 The getting of treasures by a lying tongue
Is a fleeting vanity of them that seek death.
7 The violence of the wicked hurrieth them away,
Because they refuse to do justice.
8 The way of a guilty man is crooked;
But as for the pure, his work is right.
9 It is better to dwell in a corner of the housetop,
Than with a brawling woman in a wide house.
10 The soul of the wicked desireth evil;
His neighbour findeth no favour in his eyes.
11 When a scorner is punished, the simple is made wise;
And when the wise is taught, he receiveth knowledge.
12 The righteous considereth the house of the wicked,
And overthroweth the wicked for their wickedness.
13 Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor,
He also shall cry himself, and not be answered.
14 A gift in secret pacifieth anger;
And a reward in the bosom, strong wrath.
15 It is joy to the righteous to do judgment;
But destruction will be to the workers of iniquity.
16 The man that wandereth out of the way of wisdom
Will rest in the assembly of the departed spirits.
17 He that loveth pleasure will be a poor man;
He that loveth wine and oil will not be rich.
18 The wicked will be a ransom for the righteous,
And the transgressor in the place of the upright.
19 It is better to dwell in the land of the desert,
Than with a contentious and an angry woman.
20 Coveted treasure and oil are in the wise man's home;
But a foolish man swalloweth it up.
21 He that followeth righteousness and kindness
Findeth life, righteousness, and honour.

A wise man scaleth the city of warriors, 22
And casteth down the strength of its confidence.
Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue 23
Keepeth his soul from troubles.
Proud and haughty scorner is his name, 24
Who dealeth in proud wrath.
The desire of the slothful killeth him; 25
For his hands refuse to labour.
Covetousness coveteth all the day long; 26
But the righteous giveth and withholdeth not.
The sacrifice of the wicked is hateful; 27
Much more if he bringeth it with a wicked purpose.
A false witness shall perish; 28
And the man that heard should speak truthfully.
A wicked man hardeneth his face; 29
But as for the upright, he directeth his way.
There is no wisdom nor understanding 30
Nor counsel against Jehovah.
The horse is prepared for the day of battle; 31
But safety is from Jehovah.
A name is rather to be chosen than great riches, 1
And favour is better than silver and gold.
The rich and poor will meet together; 2
Jehovah is the Maker of them all.
A prudent man foreseeth evil, and hideth himself; 3
But the simple pass on, and are punished.
The reward of humility and the fear of Jehovah 4
Are riches, honour, and life.
Thorns and snares are in the way of the froward; 5
He that keepeth his soul will be far from them.
Train up a child in the way he should go; 6
And when he is old he will not depart from it.
The rich ruleth over the poor, 7
And the borrower is servant to the lender.
He that soweth iniquity will reap vanity; 8
And the rod of his anger will consume him.
He that hath a bountiful eye will be blessed; 9
For he giveth some of his bread to the poor.
Cast out the scorner, and contention will go; 10
Yea, strife and reproach will cease.
He that loveth pureness of heart 11
Hath grace on his lips; the king will be his friend.

12 The eyes of Jehovah guard knowledge,
And he overthroweth the words of the transgressor.
13 The slothful saith, 'There is a lion without,
'I shall be slain in the streets.'
14 The mouth of strange women is a deep pit;
He that falleth therein is abhorred by Jehovah.
15 Foolishness is bound in the heart of a youth;
The rod of correction shall drive it far from him.
16 Whoso oppresseth the poor to increase himself,
Giveth to the rich, and he will surely come to want.

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17 Turn thine ear, and hear the WORDS OF THE WISE,
And apply thine heart unto my knowledge.
18 For it is pleasant if thou keep them in thy breast;
They will be fitted and joined to thy lips.
19 That thy trust may be in Jehovah,
I make them known to thee this day, yea, to thee.
20 Have not I written to thee heretofore
With counsels and knowledge,
21 To teach thee for certain the words of truth;
To answer words of truth to them that sent thee?
22 Rob not the poor, because he is poor;
Neither oppress the afflicted at the city gate;
23 For Jehovah will plead their cause,
And will steal the soul of those that steal from them.
24 Make no friendship with an angry man;
And with a furious man thou shalt not go;
25 Lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul.
26 Be not one of them that strike hands [in promise],
Or of them that are sureties for debts.
27 If thou hast nothing to pay,
Why should he take away thy bed from under thee?
28 Remove not the ancient landmark,
Which thy fathers have set up.
29 Seest thou a man diligent in his business?
He shall stand in the presence of kings;
He shall not stand in the presence of mean men.
1 When thou sittest to eat with a ruler,
Consider diligently what is before thee;
2 And put a knife to thy throat, if thou be greedy.
3 Be not desirous of his better dainties;
For they are food offered in falsehood.

Toil not to be rich; cease from thine own wisdom. 4
Wilt thou set thine eyes to fly after what is not? 5
For it certainly maketh itself wings;
It flieth away as an eagle towards the heavens.
Eat not the bread of him that hath an evil eye, 6
Neither desire thou his better dainties.
For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he; 7
'Eat and drink,' saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.
The morsel thou hast eaten wilt thou vomit up, 8
And thou wilt lose thy words of pleasantness.
Speak not in the ears of a fool; 9
For he will despise the wisdom of thy sayings.
Remove not the old landmark; 10
And enter not into the fields of the fatherless;
For their Avenger is mighty; 11
He will plead their cause with thee.
Apply thine heart unto instruction, 12
And thine ears to the words of knowledge.
Withhold not correction from the youth; 13
But if thou beat him with the rod, let it not be to death.
Thou shalt beat him with the rod, 14
And shalt deliver his soul from hell.
My son, when thine heart is wise, 15
My heart rejoiceth, even mine.
Yea, my reins rejoice, when thy lips speak aright. 16
Let not thine heart envy sinners; 17
But be in the fear of Jehovah all the day long;
For surely there will be a reward; 18
And thine expectation will not be cut off.
Hear thou, my son, and be wise, 19
And guide thine heart in the way.
Be not thou among winebibbers; 20
Among those who are wasteful of their own flesh;
For the drunkard and the riotous liver come to poverty; 21
And drowsiness clotheth a man with rags.
Hearken unto thy father who begat thee, 22
And despise not thy mother when she is old.
Buy the truth, and sell it not; 23
Also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.
The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice; 24
And he that begetteth a wise son will have joy in him.

25 Thy father and thy mother will be glad,
And she that bare thee will rejoice.
26 My son, give me thine heart,
And let thine eyes delight in my ways.
27 For a harlot is a deep ditch;
And a foreign woman is a narrow pit.
28 She also lieth in wait as for a prey,
And increaseth the transgressors among men.
29 Who hath woe? who hath misery?
Who hath contentions? who complaining?
Who hath wounds without cause? who dulness of eyes?
30 They that tarry long at the wine;
They that go to seek mixed wine.
31 Look not thou upon the wine when it is red,
When it sparkleth in the cup, and danceth aright.
32 At last it biteth like a serpent,
And stingeth like an adder.
33 Thine eyes will look after strange women,
And thine heart will utter perverse things.
34 Yea, thou wilt be as if lying in the midst of the sea,
Or as if lying upon the top of a mast, [saying,]
35 'They have knocked me down, and I am not sore;
'They have beaten me, though I knew it not;
'When I awake I will seek it yet again.'

1 Be not thou envious against evil men,
Neither desire to be with them.
2 For their heart studieth destruction,
And their lips talk of mischief.
3 Through wisdom is a house builded;
And by understanding it is established;
4 And by knowledge are the chambers filled
With all precious and pleasant riches.
5 A wise man is powerful in strength;
Yea, a man of knowledge more than one of great might.
6 For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war;
And in multitude of counsellors there is safety.
7 Wisdom is too high for a fool;
He openeth not his mouth at the city gate.
8 He that deviseth to do evil
Shall be called a mischievous person.
9 The device of foolishness is sin;
And the scorner is hateful to men.

If thou faint in a day of trouble, thy strength is small. 10
Deliver thou them that are drawn unto death, 11
And those that are hurried away to be slain.
If thou forbear and say, 'Behold, we know him not;' 12
Will not He that weigheth the heart consider it?
And He that keepeth thy soul, he knoweth;
And he rendereth to man according to his works.
My son, eat thou honey, because it is good; 13
And the honeycomb, which is sweet to thy palate;
So will the knowledge of wisdom be to thy soul; 14
If thou find it, then there will be a reward,
And thy expectation will not be cut off.
Lie not in wait, O wicked man, 15
Against the dwelling of the righteous;
Plunder not his resting place;
For the righteous may fall seven times, and yet rise; 16
But the wicked will fall headlong into evil.
Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, 17
And let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth;
Lest Jehovah see it, and it displease him, 18
And he turn away his wrath from him.
Fret not thyself because of evil men, 19
Neither be thou envious of the wicked;
For there will be no posterity to the evil man; 20
The lamp of the wicked will be put out.
My son, fear thou Jehovah and the king; 21
And meddle not with them that are given to change.
For their calamity will rise suddenly; 22
And who knoweth the ruin of them both?

These also are [sayings] of THE WISE MEN. 23
It is not good to respect persons in judgment.
He that saith to the wicked, 'Thou art righteous;' 24
Him the people curse, and nations abhor;
And in them that rebuke him will men delight, 25
And a good blessing will come upon them.
Men kiss his lips that giveth a right answer. 26
Prepare thy work without, and make it fit in the field; 27
Go afterwards and build thine house.
Be not a false witness against thy neighbour, 28
Nor deceive him with thy lips. Say not, 29
'I will do so to him as he hath done to me;

'I will render to the man according to his work.'
30 I went by the field of the slothful,
And by the vineyard of the man void of sense;
31 And, lo, it was all grown over with thistles,
Nettles had covered the face thereof;
And the stone wall thereof was broken down.
32 Then I saw, and considered it in my heart;
I looked upon it, and received instruction.
33 Yet a little sleep, a little slumber,
A little folding of the hands for lying down;
34 So will thy poverty come as one that journeyeth;
And thy want as an armed man.

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1 These are also PROVERBS OF SOLOMON, which the men
of Hezekiah king of Judah copied out.
2 It is the glory of God to conceal a matter;
But the glory of kings is to search out a matter.
3 The heavens for height, and the earth for depth,
But the heart of kings is unsearchable.
4 Take away the dross from the silver,
And there will come forth a vessel for the finer.
5 Take away the wicked from before the king,
And let his throne be established in righteousness.
6 Honour not thyself in the presence of the king,
And stand not up in the place of great men;
7 for better it is that it be said to thee, 'Come up hither;'
than 'Go lower,' in the presence of the prince whom thine
eyes have looked upon.
8 Go not forth hastily to strive,
Consider what thou shalt do in the end thereof,
When thy neighbour hath put thee to shame.
9 Debate thy cause with thy neighbour himself;
And discover not the secret to another;
10 Lest he that heareth it put thee to shame,
And thine infamy turn not away.
11 As apples of gold on figured work of silver,
So is a word spoken in a fit season.
12 As an earring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold,
So is a wise reprover upon an obedient ear.
13 As the cold of snow in the time of harvest,
So is a faithful messenger to them that send him;
For he refresheth the soul of his masters.

As clouds and wind without rain, 14
So is he that boasteth himself of a deceiving gift.
By long forbearing is a prince persuaded, 15
And a soft tongue breaketh the bone.
Hast thou found honey? eat what is enough for thee, 16
Lest thou be filled therewith, and vomit it.
Let thy foot be seldom in thy neighbour's house; 17
Lest he be weary of thee, and so hate thee.
As a mallet, and a sword, and a sharp arrow; 18
Is he that beareth false witness against his neighbour.
As a broken tooth, or a foot out of joint; 19
So is trust in a faithless man in a day of trouble.
As he that decketh his raiment on a frosty day, 20
Or as vinegar upon nitre;
So is he that singeth songs to a heavy heart.
If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; 21
And if he be thirsty, give him water to drink;
For thou wilt heap coals of fire upon his head, 22
And Jehovah will reward thee.
The north wind bringeth forth rain; 23
So doth a backbiting tongue angry looks.
It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop, 24
Than with a brawling woman and in a wide house.
As cold waters to a thirsty soul, 25
So is good news from a far country.
As a muddy well, or a corrupt spring, 26
So is a righteous man bowing down before the wicked.
It is not good to eat too much honey; 27
Nor is it glorious for men to search their own glory.
As a city that is broken down, and without walls; 28
So is he that restraineth not his own spirit.
As snow in summer, and as rain in harvest, 1
So honour is not seemly for a fool.
As a sparrow by wandering, as a swallow by flying, 2
So the causeless curse shall not come to pass.
A whip for the horse, a bridle for the ass, 3
And a rod for the back of fools.
Answer not a fool according to his folly, 4
Lest thou also become like unto him.
Answer a fool according to his folly, 5
Lest he be wise in his own eyes.

6 He that sendeth a message by the hand of a fool
Cutteth off his feet, and drinketh damage.
7 The legs of the lame hang useless;
So is a proverb in the mouth of fools.
8 As he that heapeth stones on a stone-heap,
So is he that giveth honour to a fool.
9 As a thorn held up in the hand of a drunkard,
So is a proverb in the mouth of fools.
10 The quarrelsome man overturneth all things;
He both hireth the fool, and hireth the passers by.
11 As a dog returneth to his vomit,
So a fool returneth to his folly.
12 Seest thou a man wise in his own eyes?
There is more hope of a fool than of him.
13 The slothful saith, 'A roaring lion is in the way;
'A lion is in the broad place.'
14 As the door turneth upon its hinges,
So doth the slothful upon his bed.
15 The slothful man hideth his hand in the dish;
It wearieth him to bring it again to his mouth.
16 The slothful man is wiser in his own eyes
Than seven men that can render a reason.
17 Like one that taketh a passing dog by the ears,
Is he that meddleth with strife belonging not to him.
18 As a mad man who casteth darts, arrows, and death,
19 So is the man that deceiveth his neighbour,
And saith, 'Am not I in sport?'
20 When there is no wood, the fire goeth out;
So where there is no talebearer, the strife ceaseth.
21 As coals are for burning, and wood for the fire;
So is a contentious man to kindle strife.
22 The words of a talebearer are as dainty morsels,
And they go down into the chambers of the belly.
23 Warm lips and a wicked heart
Are like silver dross spread over a potsherd.
24 He that hateth dissembleth with his lips,
And layeth up deceit within him;
25 If he maketh his voice gracious, believe him not;
For there are seven abominations in his heart.
26 Though his hatred is covered by deceit,
His wickedness will be laid bare in the Assembly.

Whoso diggeth a pit will fall therein; 27
And he that rolleth a stone, it will return on him.
A lying tongue hateth those that it woundeth; 28
And a flattering mouth worketh ruin.
Boast not thyself of to-morrow; 1
For thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.
Let another praise thee, and not thine own mouth; 2
A stranger, and not thine own lips.
A stone is heavy and the sand weighty; 3
But a fool's wrath is heavier than them both.
Wrath is cruel, and anger is outrageous; 4
But who is able to stand before jealousy?
Better is rebuke that sheweth than love that hideth; 5
Faithful are the wounds of a friend; 6
But abundant are the kisses of an enemy.
The satisfied soul trampleth on the honeycomb; 7
But to the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet.
As a bird that wandereth from her nest, 8
So is a man that wandereth from his place.
Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart; 9
And sweeter is a man's friend than scented wood.
Thine own friend and thy father's friend, forsake not; 10
But go not to thy brother's house in the day of thy ruin;
Better is a near neighbour than a brother far off.
My son, be wise, and make my heart glad, 11
That I may answer him that reproacheth me.
A prudent man seeth evil, and hideth himself; 12
But the simple pass on and are punished.
Take his garment that is surety for a stranger, 13
And if for foreigners take a pledge of him.
He that blasphemeth his friend with a loud voice, 14
Rising early in the morning,
It shall be counted a curse to him.
A continual dropping in a very rainy day 15
And a contentious woman are alike.
Whoso would shut her in, would shut in the wind, 16
And he would ask for oil in his right hand.
Iron sharpeneth iron; 17
So a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.
Whoso keepeth the fig tree shall eat its fruit; 18
So he that waiteth on his master shall be honoured.

19 As water sheweth face to face,
So doth the heart, man to man.
20 Hell and the pit of destruction are never full;
So the eyes of man are never satisfied.
21 The fining pot for silver, and the furnace for gold;
So is a man to the mouth of him that praiseth him.
22 If thou bruise a fool in a mortar among corn with a pestle,
Yet will not his foolishness depart from him.
23 Be thou diligent to know the face of thy flocks,
And give good heed to thy herds.
24 For possessions are not for ever;
Nor doth the crown endure to all generations.
25 The grass will appear, and the tender herb shew itself,
And the herbs of the mountains will be gathered.
26 Thou wilt have the lambs for thy clothing,
And the goats for the price of thy field,
27 And goats' milk enough for thy food,
For thy house's food, and to nourish thy maidens.

1 The wicked flee when no man pursueth;
But the righteous are bold as a lion.
2 During the rebellion of a land many are its princes;
But by men of understanding and knowledge
Its state will be prolonged.
3 A strong poor man that oppresseth the needy
Is like a sweeping rain which leaveth no food.
4 They that forsake the law praise the wicked;
But such as keep the law contend against them.
5 Evil men understand not judgment;
But they that seek Jehovah understand all things.
6 Better is the poor that walketh in his honesty,
Than a man perverse in his ways, though he be rich.
7 Whoso keepeth the law is a wise son;
But the companion of riotous men shameth his father.
8 Whoso by usury and increase increaseth his wealth,
Is gathering it for him that will pity the poor.
9 Whoso turneth away his ear from hearing the law,
Even his prayer will be an abomination.
10 Whoso causeth the upright to stray in an evil way,
He will fall himself into his own pit;
But the honest will inherit good things.

The rich man is wise in his own eyes; 11
But a poor man of understanding searcheth him out.
When righteous men rejoice, there is great glory; 12
But when the wicked rise, men hide themselves.
He that covereth his sin will not prosper; 13
But let him confess and quit it, and he will have mercy.
Happy is the man that feareth always; 14
But he that hardeneth his heart will fall into evil.
As a roaring lion, and a bear running loose; 15
So is a wicked ruler over poor people.
A ruler void of sense also addeth exactions; 16
He that hateth unjust gain will prolong his days.
A man that oppresseth a soul unto blood 17
Is fleeing to the Pit; let no man stay him.
Whoso walketh uprightly will be saved; 18
But he that is perverse in his ways will fall at once.
He that tilleth his land will have plenty of bread; 19
But whoso followeth vanities will have want enough.
A faithful man will abound with blessings; 20
But he that hasteneth to be rich will not be guiltless.
To have respect to persons is not good; 21
And for a piece of bread will that man transgress.
He that hasteneth to be rich hath an evil eye, 22
And knoweth not that poverty will come upon him.
Whoso rebuketh men will afterwards find favour, 23
Rather than he that flattereth with the tongue.
Whoso robbeth his father or his mother, 24
And saith, 'It is no transgression;'
The same is the companion of a destroyer.
He that is of a greedy soul stirreth up strife; 25
But he that trusteth in Jehovah will be made fat.
He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool; 26
But whoso walketh wisely, he will be delivered.
He that giveth unto the poor will not lack; 27
But he that hideth his eyes will have many curses.
When the wicked rise, men hide themselves; 28
But when they perish, the righteous increase.
He that when reproved hardeneth his neck, 1
Will be destroyed suddenly, and without remedy.
When the righteous increase, the people rejoice; 2
But when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.

3 Whoso loveth wisdom rejoiceth his father;
But the companion of harlots spendeth his wealth.
4 The king by judgment establisheth the land;
But he that receiveth gifts overthroweth it.
5 A man that flattereth his neighbour
Spreadeth a net for his feet.
6 In the transgression of an evil man there is a snare;
But the righteous doth sing and rejoice.
7 The righteous considereth the cause of the poor;
But the wicked regardeth not to know it.
8 Scornful men raise a flame in a city;
But wise men turn away wrath.
9 If a wise man reasoneth with a foolish man,
Whether he rage or laugh, there is no rest.
10 The bloodthirsty hate the honest;
But the righteous seek his soul.
11 A fool uttereth all his mind;
But a wise man keepeth it in till afterwards.
12 If a ruler hearken to lying words,
All his servants become wicked.
13 When the poor man and the plunderer meet together,
Jehovah giveth light to the eyes of both.
14 The king that faithfully judgeth the poor,
His throne will be established for ever.
15 The rod and reproof give wisdom;
But a neglected child bringeth his mother to shame.
16 When the wicked increase, sins increase;
But the righteous will see their fall.
17 Correct thy son, and he shall give thee quiet;
Yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.
18 When there is no divine vision, the people rebel;
But he that keepeth the law, happy is he.
19 A servant will not be corrected by words;
For though he understand he will not answer.
20 Seest thou a man that is hasty in his words?
There is more hope of a fool than of him.
21 He that indulgeth his servant from a child,
Will have him become his son at length.
22 An angry man stirreth up strife,
And a wrathful man aboundeth in transgression.
23 A man's pride will make him stumble;
But the humble in spirit will obtain honour.

Whoso is partner with a thief hateth his own soul; 24
He heareth cursing, and maketh it not known.
The fear of man bringeth a snare; 25
But whoso trusteth in Jehovah will be set on high.
Many seek the presence of the ruler; 26
But judgment for a man cometh from Jehovah.
An unjust man is hateful to the righteous; 27
And the upright in the way is hateful to the wicked.

THE WORDS OF AGUR the son of Jakeh, even the prophecy, which the man spake unto Ithiel, even unto Ithiel and Ucal. 1

Surely I am more brutish than a man, and have not the understanding of men. I have neither learned wisdom, nor have I the knowledge of holy things. 2 3

Who hath gone up to heaven, and come down again? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath wrapt up the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and what his son's name, if thou knowest? 4

Every word of God is pure; he is a shield to them that trust in him. Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar. 5 6

Two things do I ask of thee; deny me not before I die; remove far from me vanity and lies; give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me; lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, 'Who is Jehovah?' or lest I be poor, and steal, and profane the name of my God. 7 8 9

Slander not a servant unto his master, lest he curse thee, and thou be found guilty. 10

There is a generation that curseth its father, and doth not bless its mother; a generation that is pure in its own eyes, and yet is not washed from its filthiness; a generation, O how lofty are its eyes! and its eyelids are lifted up; a generation, whose teeth are swords, and its cheek-teeth are knives, to devour the poor from off the earth, and the needy from among men. 11 12 13 14

The horseleach hath two daughters, [crying,] 'Give, give.' There are three things that are never satisfied, yea, four say not, 'It is enough;' the grave; and the barren womb; the earth that is not filled with water; and the fire also saith not, 'It is enough.' 15 16

17 The eye that mocketh at its father, and despiseth to obey
its mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and
the young eagles shall eat it.
18 There are three things too wonderful for me, yea, four
19 which I understand not; the way of an eagle in the air;
the way of a serpent upon a rock; the way of a ship in the
midst of the sea; and the way of a man with a maiden.
20 Such is the way of an adulterous woman; she eateth,
and wipeth her mouth, and saith, 'I have done no wicked-
ness.'
21 For three things the earth is disquieted, and for four
22 which it cannot bear; for a servant when he reigneth; and
23 a fool when he is filled with meat; for a hateful woman
when she is married; and a handmaid that dispossesseth
her mistress.
24 There are four things which are little upon the earth,
25 but they are wiser than the wise men. The ants are a
people not strong, yet they prepare their food in the summer;
26 the conies are a people not powerful, yet make they their
27 houses in the rocks; the locusts have no king, yet go they
28 forth all of them by bands; the lizard taketh hold with its
hands, and is in kings' palaces.
29 There are three things which do well in walking, yea,
30 four are comely in going; a lion which is strongest among
31 beasts, and turneth not away for any; a war-horse and per-
haps a he-goat; and a king against whom there is no rising
up.
32 If thou hast foolishly lifted up thyself, or if thou hast
33 thought evil, lay thy hand on thy mouth. Surely the press-
ing of milk bringing forth curds, and the pressing of the
nose bringeth forth blood; so the pressing of wrath bringeth
forth strife.

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1 The words of king Lemuel, the prophecy that his
mother taught him.
2 What, my son? And what, the son of my womb?
And what, the son of my vows?
3 Give not thy strength unto women,
Nor thy ways to that which destroyeth kings.
4 It is not for kings, Lemuel, not for kings to drink wine;
Nor for princes strong drink;
5 Lest they drink, and forget the law,

And pervert the cause of any son of affliction.
Give strong drink to him that is ready to perish, 6
And wine to those that be of bitter spirit.
Let him drink, and forget his poverty, 7
And remember his trouble no more.
Open thy mouth for the dumb 8
In the cause of all fatherless children.
Open thy mouth, judge righteously, 9
And plead the cause of the poor and needy.

א Who can find a VIRTUOUS WOMAN? 10
For her price is far above pearls.
ב The heart of her husband doth trust her, 11
So that he will have no need of plunder.
ג She will do him good and not evil 12
All the days of her life.
ד She seeketh wool, and flax, 13
And worketh willingly with her hands.
ה She is like the merchants' ships; 14
She bringeth her food from afar.
ו She riseth also while it is yet night, 15
And giveth meat to her house, and a task to her maids.
ז She considereth a field, and buyeth it; 16
With the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.
ח She girdeth her loins with strength, 17
And strengtheneth her arms.
ט She trieth her merchandise that it is good; 18
Her lamp goeth not out by night.
י She layeth her hands to the spindle, 19
And her hands hold the distaff.
כ She stretcheth out her open hand to the poor; 20
Yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.
ל She feareth not the snow for her household; 21
For all her household are doubly clothed.
מ She maketh for herself bed-coverings; 22
Her clothing is silk and purple.
נ Her husband is known at the city gates, 23
When he sitteth among the elders of the land.
ס She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; 24
And delivereth girdles unto the merchant.
ע Strength and honour are her clothing; 25
And she will rejoice in the time to come.

26 פ She openeth her mouth with wisdom;
And on her tongue is the law of kindness.
27 צ She looketh well to the ways of her household;
And eateth not the bread of idleness.
28 ק Her children rise up, and call her blessed;
Her husband also, and he praiseth her, [saying,]
29 ר 'Many daughters have done virtuously,
'But thou excellest them all.'
30 ש Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain;
A woman that feareth Jehovah, she will be praised.
31 ת Give to her of the fruit of her hands;
And let her own works praise her at the city gates.

ECCLESIASTES; OR, THE PREACHER.

1 1 THE words of the Preacher, the son of David, king
2 of Jerusalem. Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher,
3 vanity of vanities; all is vanity. What profit hath a man
of all his labour which he taketh under the sun?
4 A generation passeth away, and a generation cometh;
But the earth abideth for ever.
5 The sun also ariseth, and the sun goeth down,
And hasteneth to his place where he arose.
6 Going to the south, and turning about to the north,
The wind whirleth about continually;
And the wind returneth again in its circuits.
7 All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full;
To the place from whence the rivers flow,
Thither they return to flow again.
8 All things are full of labour; man cannot utter it;
The eye is not satisfied with seeing,
Nor the ear filled with hearing.
9 The thing that hath been is what will be;
And what hath been done is that which will be done;
And there is no new thing under the sun.
10 Is there a thing whereof it is said, 'See this is new?'
It hath been already of old time, which was before us.
11 There is no memory of former things;
Nor will there be memory of future things
With those that shall come hereafter.
12 I the Preacher was king over Israel in Jerusalem. And

I gave my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all things that are done under heaven. This sore travail hath God given to the sons of Adam to afflict them therewith. I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and, behold, all is vanity and ~~vexation of spirit~~.
What is crooked cannot be made straight;
And what is wanting cannot be numbered.

I communed with mine own heart, saying, 'Lo, I am 'come to great estate, and have got more wisdom than all 'they that have been before me in Jerusalem.' Yea, my heart hath seen abundance of wisdom and knowledge. And I gave my heart to know wisdom, and to know madness and folly; I perceived that this also is vexation of spirit.
For in much wisdom is much ~~grief~~;
And he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow.

I said in mine heart, 'Go to now, I will prove thee with 'mirth, therefore look on what is good.' And, behold, this also was vanity. I said of laughter, 'It is mad;' and of mirth, 'What doeth it?' I sought in my heart to indulge my flesh with wine, yet acquainting my heart with wisdom; and to lay hold on folly, till I might see what was that good thing for the sons of Adam, which they should do under the heavens all the days of their life. I made me great works; I builded me houses; I planted me vineyards. I made me gardens and orchards, and I planted trees in them of all kind of fruits. I made me pools of water, to water therewith the forest that bringeth forth trees. I bought me servants and maidens, and had servants born in my house; also I had great possessions of herds and flocks above all that were in Jerusalem before me. I gathered me also silver and gold, and the peculiar treasure of kings and of the provinces. I got me men singers and women singers, and the delights of the sons of Adam, a wife and wives. So I was great, and increased more than all that were before me in Jerusalem; also my wisdom remained with me. And whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them, I withheld not my heart from any joy; for my heart rejoiced in all my labour. And this was my portion of all my labour; that I turned to all the works that my hands had wrought, and to the labour that I had laboured to do; and, behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun.

12 And I turned myself to behold wisdom, and madness,
and folly; for what can the man do that cometh after the
13 king? even that which hath been already done. Then I
saw that wisdom excelleth folly, as far as light excelleth
14 darkness. The wise man's eyes are in his head; but the
fool walketh in darkness; and I myself perceived also that
15 one event happeneth to them all. Then said I in my heart,
'As it happeneth to the fool, so it happeneth even to me;
'and why was I then more wise?' Then at last I said in
16 my heart, that this also is vanity. For there is no remem-
brance of the wise more than of the fool for ever; seeing
that what hath already been shall in the days to come all
be forgotten. And how dieth the wise man? as the fool.
17 Therefore I hated life; because the work that is wrought
under the sun is grievous unto me; for all is vanity and
vexation of spirit.

18 Yea, I hated all my labour wherein I had laboured under
the sun; because I should leave it unto a man that will be
19 after me. And who knoweth whether he will be a wise
man or a fool? Yet will he have rule over all my labour
wherein I have laboured, and wherein I have shewed myself
wise under the sun. This also is vanity.

20 Therefore I went about to cause my heart to despair of
21 all the labour wherein I had laboured under the sun. For
there may be a man whose labour is in wisdom, and in
knowledge, and in equity; yet to a man that hath not
laboured therein shall he leave it for his portion. This
22 also is vanity and a great evil. For what hath man of all
his labour, and of the vexation of his heart, wherein he
23 hath laboured under the sun? For all his days are sorrows,
and his travail grief; yea, his heart taketh not rest in the
night. This also is vanity.

24 There is nothing better for a man, than that he should
eat and drink, and that he should make his soul look for
good in his labour. This also I saw, that it was from the
25 hand of God. For who can eat, or who else can enjoy
26 pleasure, more than I? For to a man that is good in his
sight [God] giveth wisdom, and knowledge, and joy; but
to the sinner he giveth travail, to gather and to heap up
what he must give to him that is good before God. This
also is vanity and vexation of spirit.

1 To every thing there is a season,

And a time to every purpose under the heavens.
A time to be born, and a time to die;
A time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
A time to kill, and a time to heal;
A time to break down, and a time to build up;
A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
A time to mourn, and a time to dance;
A time to cast stones, and a time to gather stones;
A time to embrace, and a time to avoid embracing;
A time to seek, and a time to lose;
A time to keep, and a time to cast away;
A time to rend, and a time to sew;
A time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
A time to love, and a time to hate;
A time of war, and a time of peace.

What profit hath he that worketh in that wherein he laboureth? I have seen the travail, which God hath given to the sons of Adam to afflict them in it. He hath made every thing beautiful in its time; also he hath set eternity in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God hath made from the beginning to the end. I know that there is no good in them, but for a man to rejoice, and to do good in his life. And also that every man should eat and drink, and look on the good of all his labour; it is the gift of God. I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever; nothing can be put to it, nor anything taken from it; and God doeth it, that men should fear before him. That which hath already been is now; and that which is to be hath already been; and God requireth back that which is past before.

And moreover I saw under the sun the place of judgment, that wickedness was there; and the place of righteousness, that wickedness was there. I said in my heart, 'God will judge the righteous and the wicked; for then 'there will be a time for every purpose and for every work.' I said in my heart concerning the estate of the sons of Adam, that God was setting them apart, and making them see that they themselves are like the beasts. For that which befalleth the sons of Adam befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them; as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath; so that a man hath no pre-eminence above a beast; for all is vanity. All go

unto one place; all are from the dust, and all turn to dust again.

21 Who knoweth the spirit of the sons of Adam that it goeth upward, and the spirit of the beast ~~that~~ it goeth down-
22 ward to the earth? Wherefore I perceive that there is nothing better, than that a man should rejoice in his own works; for that is his portion; for who shall bring him to see what shall be after him?

1 So I returned, and considered all the oppressions that are done under the sun; and behold the tears of the oppressed, and they had no comforter; and on the side of their oppressors there was power; and they had no com-
2 forter. Therefore I praised the dead who are already
3 dead more than the living who are yet alive. Yea, better than both they is he that hath not yet been, who hath not
4 seen the evil work that is done under the sun. And I ~~was~~ all labour, and every success in work, that for this a man is envied by his neighbour. This also is vanity and vexation of spirit.

5 The fool foldeth his hands and eateth his own flesh.
6 Better is a handful with quietness,
Than both hands full with toil and vexation of spirit.

7 Then I returned, and I saw a vanity under the sun.
8 There may be one alone, and without a second; yea, he may have neither child nor brother; yet is there no end to all his labour; neither is his eye satisfied with riches. And for whom do I labour, and bereave my soul of good? This also is vanity, yea, it is a sore trouble.

9 Two are better than one;
Because they have a good reward for their labour.
10 For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow;
But woe to him that is alone when he falleth;
For he hath not another to lift him up.
11 Again, if two lie together, then they have heat;
But how can one be warm alone?
12 And if one attack him, two can withstand him;
And a threefold cord is not quickly broken.
13 Better is a poor and a wise child
Than a king old and foolish, who can no more be taught.
14 For out of a prison the one may come to reign;
Even though in the other's kingdom he was born poor.

I considered all the living who walk about under the 15
sun, with the child, the second that shall stand up in his
stead. There is no end of all the people, even of all that 16
have been before them; they also that come after shall not
rejoice in him. Surely this also is vanity and vexation of
spirit.

Keep thy foot when thou goest to the House of God, 1
and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of
fools; for they consider not that they do evil. Be not rash 2
with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter
any thing before God; for God is in heaven, and thou
upon earth; therefore let thy words be few. For a dream 3
cometh through the multitude of business; and a fool's
voice is known by multitude of words. When thou vowest 4
a vow unto God, delay not to pay it; for He hath no plea-
sure in fools; pay that which thou hast vowed. Better is 5
it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest
vow and not pay. Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh 6
to sin; neither say thou before the preacher that it was a
sin of ignorance. Wherefore should God be angry at thy
voice, and destroy the work of thine hands? For in the 7
multitude of dreams are also vanities; and reasons many
why thou shouldest fear God.

If thou seest the oppression of the poor, and a violent 8
perverting of judgment and justice in a province, marvel
not at the matter; for He that is higher than the highest
regardeth; and there are higher than they. Moreover the 9
produce of the earth is for all; the king himself is served
by the field. He that loveth silver will not be satisfied 10
with silver; and he that loveth abundance hath no increase.
This also is vanity.

When goods increase, they increase that eat them; 11
And what gain is there to the owners thereof,
Save the beholding of them with their eyes?
The sleep of a labouring man is sweet, 12
Whether he eat little or much;
But the fulness of the rich suffereth him not to sleep.

There is a sore evil which I have seen under the sun, 13
namely, riches kept for the owners thereof to their own
hurt. But those riches perish by evil doings; and he be- 14
getteth a son, and there is nothing in his hand. As he 15

came forth from his mother's womb, naked will he return
to go as he came, and he will take nothing of his labour,
to carry away in his hand.
16 And this also is a sore evil, that in all points as he came,
so will he go; and what profit hath he that hath laboured
17 for the wind? All his days also he eateth in darkness, and
he hath much sorrow and sickness to himself and anger.
18 Behold that which I have considered good, that it is
comely for one to eat and to drink, and to look upon the
good of all his labour that he hath taken under the sun all
the days of his life, which God giveth him; for that is his
19 portion. Every man also to whom God hath given riches
and wealth, and hath given him power to eat thereof, and
to take his portion, and to rejoice in his labour; this is the
20 gift of God. For he will not much remember the days of
his life; because God answereth him in the joy of his heart.
1 There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, and it
2 is common among men; a man to whom God hath given
riches, wealth, and honour, so that he wanteth nothing for
his soul of all that he desireth, yet God giveth him not
power to eat thereof, but a foreigner eateth it. This is
vanity, and it is an evil disease.
3 If a man beget a hundred children, and live many years,
so that the days of his years be many, and his soul be not
satisfied with good, and also that he have no burial; I say,
4 that one born dead is better than he. For he cometh in
with vanity, and departeth in darkness, and his name shall
5 be covered with darkness. Moreover that one hath not
seen nor known the sun; he hath more rest than the other.
6 Yea, though he live a thousand years twice told, yet hath
he seen no good. Do not all go to one place?
7 All the labour of man is for his mouth,
And yet the appetite is not filled.
8 For what hath the wise more than the fool?
What hath the poor, that knoweth to walk before the living?
9 Better is what is seen by the eyes
Than the wandering of the desire.
This also is vanity and vexation of spirit.
10 What is he whose name hath been long celebrated,
And of whom it is known what man he was?
Yet he cannot contend with one mightier than he.
11 Seeing there be many things that increase vanity, what

is man the better? For who knoweth what is good for 12
man in life? All the days of his vain life he even spendeth
as a shadow; for who can tell a man what shall be after
him under the sun?

A good name is better than precious ointment; 1
And the day of death than the day of one's birth.
It is better to go to the house of mourning, 2
Than to go to the house of drinking-feasts;
For that is the end of all men;
And the living will lay it to his heart.
Sorrow is better than laughter; 3
For by sadness of face the heart is made better.
The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning; 4
But the heart of fools is in the house of mirth.
It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise, 5
Than for a man to hear the song of fools.
For as the crackling of thorns under a pot, 6
So is the laughter of the fool. This also is vanity.

Surely oppression maketh a wise man foolish; 7
And a bribe destroyeth the heart.
Better is the end of a thing than its beginning; 8
The patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.
Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry; 9
For anger resteth in the bosom of fools.
Say not, 'Why were the former days better than these?' 10
For thou dost not inquire wisely concerning this.

Wisdom is good with an inheritance, 11
And is a profit to them that see the sun.
For wisdom is a shelter, and money is a shelter; 12
But knowledge is best; wisdom giveth life to its owners.

Consider the work of God; 13
For who can straighten what He maketh crooked?
In the day of prosperity be joyful, 14
But in the day of evil consider;
God also hath set the one against the other,
So that man should find nothing after him.
All these have I seen in the days of my vanity; 15
Here the righteous perishing in his righteousness,
And there the wicked living on in his wickedness.
Be not over-righteous; neither be too wise; 16
Why shouldest thou wear thyself out?
Be not over-wicked, neither be thou foolish; 17

Why shouldest thou die before thy time?
8 It is good that thou shouldest take hold of this;
Yea, also from this withdraw not thine hand;
For who feareth God will come forth from them all.
9 Wisdom strengtheneth the wise
More than ten mighty men that are in the city.
10 For there is not a righteous man upon earth,
That doeth good, and sinneth not.
11 Also take not heed to all words that are spoken,
Lest thou hear thy servant curse thee;
22 For oftentimes also thine own heart knoweth
That thou thyself likewise hast cursed others.
23 All this have I proved by wisdom; I said, 'I will be
24 'wise;' but it was far from me. That which is far off, and
25 exceeding deep, who can find it out? I applied mine heart
to know, and to search, and to seek out wisdom, and reason,
and to know foolish wickedness, even foolishness and mad-
26 ness; and I find more bitter than death the woman whose
heart is snares and nets, and her hands as fetters; whoso
is good in the sight of God will escape from her; but the
27 sinner will be taken by her. Behold, this have I found,
saith the preacher, weighing one by one, to find out the
28 reason, which yet my soul seeketh, but I find not; one
man among a thousand have I found, but a woman among
29 all those have I not found. Lo, this only have I seen, that
God hath made men upright; but they have sought out
many evil devices.

VIII. 1 Who is as the wise man?
And who knoweth the interpretation of a thing?
A man's wisdom maketh his face to shine,
And the strength of his face will be changed.
2 I counsel thee to keep the king's command,
And that in regard of the oath before God.
3 Be not hasty to go out of his sight;
Continue not in evil, for he doeth all that he wisheth.
4 Where the word of a king is, there is power;
And who may say unto him, 'What doest thou?'
5 Whoso keepeth a command will know no evil;
And a wise heart knoweth both time and judgment.
6 For to every purpose there is time and judgment,
Although the misery of man is great upon him.
7 For he knoweth not that which will be;

For who can tell him when it will be?
No man hath power over the wind, to stay the wind; 8
Nor power over [his breath] in the day of death;
And there is no discharge in that warfare;
Neither will wickedness deliver its followers.

All this have I seen, and I applied my heart unto every 9
work that hath been done under the sun. There is a time
wherein one man ruleth over another to his own hurt.
And so I saw the wicked receive burial, who had come and 10
gone from the Holy Place, and they were forgotten in the
city where they had so done. This also is vanity.

Because sentence against an evil work is not executed 11
speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of Adam is fully
set in them to do evil. Though a sinner do evil a hundred 12
times, and his days be prolonged, yet surely I know that
it will be well with them that fear God, who fear in his
presence; but it will not be well with the wicked, neither 13
will his days be lengthened as the shadow; because he
feareth not before God. There is a vanity which is done 14
upon the earth; that there are righteous men, unto whom
it happeneth according to the work of the wicked; again,
there are wicked men, to whom it happeneth according to
the work of the righteous; I said that this also is vanity.
Then I commended mirth, because a man hath no better 15
thing under the sun, than to eat, and to drink, and to be
merry; for that will abide with him of his labour the days
of his life, which God giveth him under the sun.

When I applied mine heart to know wisdom, and to see 16
the business that is done upon the earth; (for also there is
that neither day nor night seeth sleep with his eyes;) then 17
I beheld all the work of God, that a man cannot find out
the work that is done under the sun; because though a
man labour to seek it out, yet he shall not find it; yea
farther; though a wise man think to know it, yet shall he
not be able to find it.

For all this I considered in my heart even to make all 1
this clear, that the righteous, and the wise, and their works,
are in the hand of God. No man knoweth either love or
hatred. All things are before them; all things, because unto 2
all there is one event; to the righteous, and to the wicked;
to the good, and to the clean, and to the unclean; to him
that sacrificeth, and to him that sacrificeth not; as is the

good, so is the sinner; and he that sweareth, as he that
3 feareth an oath. This is an evil among all things that are
done under the sun, that there is one event unto all; yea,
also the heart of the sons of Adam is full of evil, and mad-
ness is in their heart while they live, and after that they
4 go to the dead. For who would be joined to them? Unto
all the living there is hope; for a living dog is better than
5 a dead lion. For the living know that they shall die; but
the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more
6 a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten. Also their
love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished;
neither have they any more a portion for ever in any thing
that is done under the sun.

7 Go thy way, eat thy bread with joy, and drink thy wine
with a merry heart; for God already hath pleasure in thy
8 works. Let thy garments be always white; and let thy
9 head lack no ointment. Enjoy life with the wife whom
thou lovest all the days of the life of thy vanity, which he
giveth thee under the sun, all the days of thy vanity; for
that is thy portion in life, and in thy labour which thou
10 takest under the sun. Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do,
do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor
knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.

11 I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not
to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread
to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor
yet favour to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth
12 to them all. For man also knoweth not his time; as the
fishes that are taken in an evil net, and as the birds that are
caught in the snare; so are the sons of Adam snared in an
evil time, when it falleth suddenly upon them.

13 This wisdom have I seen also under the sun, and it
14 seemed great unto me; there was a little city, and few men
within it; and there came a great king against it, and be-
15 sieged it, and built great bulwarks against it; now there
was found in it a poor wise man, and he by his wisdom
delivered the city; yet no man remembered that same poor
16 man. Then said I, 'Wisdom is better than strength; never-
'theless the poor man's wisdom is despised, and his words
'are not heard.'

17 The words of wise men are heard in quiet
More than the cry of him that ruleth among fools.

Wisdom is better than weapons of war; 18
But one sinner destroyeth much good.

Dead flies corrupt the scent of the ointment of the apo- 1
thecary; so doth a little folly him that is in reputation for
wisdom and honour.

A wise man's heart is at his right hand; but a fool's 2
heart at his left. Yea, also, when he that is a fool walketh 3
by the way, his sense faileth, and he telleth to every one
that he is a fool.

If the spirit of the ruler rise up against thee, quit not 4
thy place; for yielding pacifieth great offences.

There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, as an 5
error which proceedeth from the ruler; folly is set in great 6
dignity, and the rich sit in low place. I have seen servants 7
upon horses, and princes walking as servants upon the
ground.

He that diggeth a pit will fall into it; 8
And whoso breaketh a hedge, a serpent will bite him.
Whoso moveth a boundary-stone will be hurt by it; 9
He that cleaveth trees will be endangered thereby.
If the iron be blunt, and he sharpen not the edge, 10
Then must he add more strength;
But wisdom is profitable to direct.
If the serpent bite because not whispered to, 11
Then there is no gain in having a tongue.
The words of a wise man's mouth are gracious; 12
But the lips of a fool swallow himself up.
The beginning of the words of his mouth is folly; 13
And the end of his talk is mischievous madness.

A fool also multiplieth words. A man knoweth not 14
what will be; and what will be after him, who can tell
him? The labour of the foolish wearieth him, because he 15
knoweth not how to go to a city.

Alas for thee, O land, when thy king is a child, and thy 16
princes eat in the morning! Blessed thou, O land, whose 17
king is the son of nobles, and thy princes eat in due season,
for strength, and not for drinking's sake!

By much sloth the building decayeth; 18
And by idleness of hands the house leaketh.
A feast is made for laughter, and wine cheereth life; 19
But money answereth for all things.
Curse not the king, no, not in thy thought; 20

And curse not the rich in thy bedchamber;
For a bird of the air will carry the voice,
And that which hath wings will tell the matter.
1 Cast thy bread seed upon the waters;
For thou wilt find it after many days.
2 Give a portion to seven, and also to eight;
For thou knowest not what evil will be on the earth.
3 If clouds be full of rain, they pour out on the earth;
And if a tree fall to the south, or to the north,
In the place where the tree falleth, there let it be.
4 He that observeth the wind will never sow;
And he that regardeth the clouds will never reap.
5 As thou knowest not what is the way of the wind,
How the bones grow in the child-bearing womb,
So thou knowest not the works of God who maketh all.
6 In the morning sow thy seed,
And in the evening withhold not thine hand;
For thou knowest not if this will prosper, or that,
Or whether they both will be alike good.
7 Truly the light is sweet, and pleasant it is for the eyes
8 to behold the sun. But if a man live many years, and rejoice in them all; yet let him remember the days of darkness; for they will be many. All that cometh is vanity.
9 Rejoice, O young man, in thy childhood; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes; but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee
10 into judgment. Therefore remove anger from thy heart, and put away wickedness from thy flesh; for childhood
1 and the dawn of day are vanity. Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, 'I have no plea-
2 'sure in them;' while yet the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after
3 the rain; in the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinding women cease because they are few, and those that
4 look out of the windows be darkened. And the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low, and a man shall be roused at the voice of the bird,
5 and all the daughters of music shall be brought low; also when they shall be afraid of that which is high, and timid

people shall be in the way, and the almond blossom shall be despised, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail; because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets; before the silver cord 6
be loosed, or the golden lamp-bowl broken, or the pitcher cracked at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the well; then will the dust return to the earth as it was; and the 7
spirit will return unto God who gave it.

Vanity of vanities, saith the preacher; all is vanity. And 8
moreover, because the preacher was wise, he still taught 9
the people knowledge; yea, he gave good heed, and sought out, and set in order many proverbs. The preacher sought 10
to find out acceptable words, and what had been written aright, even words of truth.

The words of the wise are as goads, and as stakes fas- 11
tened by the owners of the flocks, when they are given up by a shepherd. And further, by these, my son, be admo- 12
nished; of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh.

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter; fear God, 13
and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, 14
with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

THE SONG OF SOLOMON.

THE Song of Songs, which is Solomon's. 1

[Bride.] Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth; 2
[Women.] For thy love is better than wine.
Because of the savour of thy good ointments 3
Thy name is as ointment poured forth.
Therefore do the maidens love thee.
[B.] Lead me on. 4
[W.] We will run after thee.
[B.] Let the king bring me into his chambers.
[W.] We will be glad and rejoice in thee;
We will celebrate thy love more than wine;
The upright love thee.
[B.] I am dark,— 5
[W.] —but comely,—

[B.] —O ye daughters of Jerusalem,
As the tents of Kedar,—
[W.] —as the curtains of Solomon.
6 [B.] Look not upon me, because I am brown,
Because the sun hath burnt me.
My mother's sons were angry with me;
They made me keeper of the vineyards;
But mine own vineyard have I not kept.
7 Tell me, O thou whom my soul loveth,
Where feedest thou thy flock?
Where makest thou it to rest at noon?
For why am I as one faint by the flocks of thy companions?
8 [W.] If thou know not, O fairest of women,
Go thy way forth by the footsteps of the flock,
And feed thy kids beside the shepherds' tents.
9 [Solomon.] To the steeds of my Pharaoh-chariot,
I have compared thee, O my Love.
10 Thy cheeks are comely with rows of pearls,
Thy neck with chains of precious stones.
11 [Youths.] We will make for thee strings of gold,
With studs of silver.
12 [B.] While the king is on his supper-couch,
My spikenard shall send forth its smell.
13 A bunch of myrrh is my Beloved to me;
He shall lie all night betwixt my breasts.
14 My Beloved is to me as a branch of cypress
In the vineyards of Ain-gedi.
15 [S.] Behold, thou art fair, my Love;
Behold, thou art fair; thou hast doves' eyes.
16 [B.] Behold, thou art fair, my Beloved,
Yea, pleasant; also our couch is green.
17 [S.] The beams of our house are of cedar,
And our rafters are of fir.
1 [B.] I am a crocus of Sharon, a lily of the valleys.
2 [S.] As the lily among thorns,
So is my Love among the daughters.
3 [B.] As an apple tree among the trees of the forest,
So is my Beloved among the sons.
I delighted in its shade and sat down;
And its fruit was sweet to my palate.
4 Let him bring me to the banqueting house,
And let his banner over me be love.

Let him support me with dried grapes, 5
Let him comfort me with apples; for I am sick for love.
His left hand shall be under my head, 6
And his right hand shall embrace me.
[S.] I charge you, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, 7
By the roes, and by the hinds of the field,
That ye stir not, nor awaken my Love, till she please.

[B.] The voice of my Beloved! behold, he cometh 8
Leaping on the mountains, skipping on the hills.
My Beloved is like a roe or a fawn of the deer; 9
Behold, he standeth behind our wall,
He looketh through the window,
Quickly glancing through the lattice.
My Beloved spake, and said unto me, 10
'Rise up, my Love, my fair one, and come away.
'For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; 11
'The flowers appear on the earth; 12
'The time of singing is come,
'And the voice of the turtle-dove is heard in our land;
'The fig tree ripeneth its green figs, 13
'And the vines in flower give their smell.
'Arise, my Love, my fair one, and come away.'
O my dove, in the clefts of the rock, 14
In the secret places of the steep roads,
Let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice;
For sweet is thy voice, and thy countenance comely.
Seize for us the foxes, 15
The little foxes, that rob the vines;
For our vines are in flower.
My Beloved is mine, and I am his; 16
He feedeth his flocks among the lilies,
Till the day become cool, and the shadows grow long. 17
Turn, my Beloved, and be thou like a roe
Or a fawn of the deer on the mountains of Bether.

[B.] By night on my bed I sought my soul's beloved; 1
I sought him, but I found him not.
I will rise now, and go about the city in the streets, 2
And in the broad ways I will seek my soul's beloved;
I sought him, but I found him not.
The guards that go about the city found me. 3

'Have ye seen' [I said] 'my soul's beloved?'
4 It was but a little that I passed from them,
When I found my soul's beloved.
I held him, and I would not let him go,
Until I had brought him into my mother's house,
And into the chamber of her that conceived me.
5 [S.] I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem,
By the roes, and by the hinds of the field,
That ye stir not, nor awaken my Love, till she please.

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6 [B.] Who is this that cometh out of the desert
As a pillar of smoke, perfumed with myrrh,
And incense of all the powders of the merchant?
7 [W.] Behold his bed, it is Solomon's;
Sixty warriors are about it, of the warriors of Israel.
8 They all hold swords, being expert in war;
The sword of each is on his thigh for fear in the night.
9 King Solomon hath made himself a litter-bed
Of the wood of Lebanon.
10 He made the pillars thereof of silver,
Its bottom is of gold, its cushion of purple,
Its middle is paved with love,
For the daughters of Jerusalem.
11 [B.] Go, ye daughters of Zion, and see king Solomon,
With the crown wherewith his mother crowned him
On his wedding day, and on the day of his heart's joy.
1 [S.] Lo, thou art fair, my Love; lo, thou art fair;
Thou hast doves' eyes behind thy veil.
Thy hair is as a flock of goats lying on mount Gilead;
2 Thy teeth as a shorn flock brought up from washing,
All of which bear twins, and none of them are barren.
3 Thy lips are like a thread of scarlet,
And thy speech is comely;
Thy cheeks like pieces of a pomegranate behind thy veil.
4 Thy neck is like the tower of David
Builded for an armoury,
Whereon hang a thousand bucklers,
All shields of warriors.
5 Thy two breasts are like two young fawns,
Twins of the roe which feed among the lilies.
6 Till the day become cool, and the shadows grow long,
I will get me to the mountain of myrrh,

And to the hill of frankincense.
Thou art all fair, my Love; there is no spot in thee. 7

[S.] Come with me from Lebanon, my bride, 8
With me from Lebanon;
Look about from the top of Amana,
From the top of Senir and Hermon,
From the lions' dens, from the hills of the leopards.
Thou hast ravished my heart, my sister, my bride; 9
Thou hast ravished my heart with one of thine eyes,
With one chain of thy necklace.
How fair is thy love, my sister, my bride! 10
How much better is thy love than wine!
And the smell of thine ointments than all spices!
Thy lips, O my bride, drop as the honeycomb; 11
Honey and milk are under thy tongue;
And the smell of thy garments is as the smell of Lebanon.
A garden shut up is my sister, my bride; 12
A well shut up, a fountain sealed.
Thy plants are an orchard of pomegranates, 13
With pleasant fruits; camphire, with spikenard,
Spikenard and saffron; sweet cane and cinnamon, 14
With all trees of frankincense;
Myrrh and aloes, with all the chief spices;
A garden fountain, a well of living waters, 15
And streams from Lebanon.
[B.] Awake, O north wind; and come, thou south; 16
Blow on my garden, that its spices may flow out.
Let my Beloved come into his garden,
And eat its pleasant fruits.
[S.] I am come into my garden, my sister, my bride. 1
I have gathered my myrrh with my spice;
I have eaten my honeycomb with my honey;
I have drunk my wine with my milk.
Eat, O friends; drink, yea, drink freely, beloved ones.

[B.] I am asleep, but my heart waketh. 2
It is the voice of my Beloved, who knocketh, [saying,]
'Open to me, my sister, my Love, my dove, my undefiled;
'For my head is filled with dew,
'And my locks with the drops of the night.'
I have put off my under coat; how shall I clothe myself? 3

I have washed my feet; how shall I defile them?
14 My Beloved put in his hand by the opening,
And my bowels were moved for him.
15 I rose up to open to my Beloved;
And my hands dropped myrrh,
And my fingers liquid myrrh, on the handles of the lock.
16 I opened to my Beloved; but my Beloved was gone;
He had passed by; my soul failed when he spake.
I sought him, but I could not find him;
I called him, but he gave me no answer.
17 The guards that went about the city found me,
They smote me, they wounded me;
The keepers of the walls took my veil from me.
18 I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, if ye find my Beloved,
That ye tell him, that I am sick for love.
19 [W.] What is thy Beloved more than another beloved,
O fairest of women? what is thy Beloved
More than another beloved, that thou so chargest us?
20 [B.] My Beloved is white and ruddy,
The chiefest among ten thousand.
21 His head is as the most fine gold,
His locks are flowing, and black as a raven.
22 His eyes are as doves by the rivers of waters,
Washed with milk, and fixed in their settings;
23 His cheeks as a spice garden, as towers of ointments;
His lips like lilies, dropping liquid myrrh;
24 His hands are as gold rings set with chrysolite;
His body as bright ivory overlaid with sapphires;
25 His legs as pillars of marble set on bases of gold;
His countenance is as Lebanon, excellent as cedars;
26 His mouth is most sweet; yea, he is all lovely.
This is my Beloved, and this is my friend,
O daughters of Jerusalem.
1 [W.] Where went thy Beloved, O fairest of women?
Where turned thy Beloved, that we seek him with thee?
2 [B.] My Beloved is gone to his garden, to the spice beds,
To feed his flock in the gardens, and to gather lilies.
3 I am my Beloved's, and my Beloved is mine;
He feedeth his flock among the lilies.

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4 [S.] Thou art beautiful, O my Love, as Tirzah,

Comely as Jerusalem, terrible as a host with banners.
Turn away thine eyes from me, for they overcome me.
Thy hair is as a flock of goats lying upon Gilead;
Thy teeth are as a flock of sheep brought up from washing,
All of which bear twins, and none of them are barren.
As pieces of pomegranate are thy cheeks behind thy veil.
There are sixty queens, and eighty concubines,
And maidens without number.
But my dove, my undefiled is but one;
She is the only one of her mother,
She is the chosen one of her that bare her.
The daughters see her, and they bless her;
The queens and concubines, and they praise her,
[Saying,] 'Who is she that looketh forth as the dawn,
'Fair as the moon, clear as the sun,
'And terrible as a host with banners?'
I went down into the nut-garden
To see the fruits of the valley,
To see the vine flourish, and the pomegranates bud.
I know not how, but my soul set me
Among the chariots of my people's nobles.
[Y.] Return, return, O Shulamite;
Return, return, that we may look upon thee.
[W.] What will ye see in the Shulamite?
[Y.] As it were the dance of two companies.

[W.] How beautiful are thy steps in shoes,
O prince's daughter!
The joints of thy thighs are like jewels,
The work of an artist's hands.
Thy navel is a round goblet, which wanteth not wine;
Thy belly is a heap of wheat set about with lilies;
Thy two breasts are like two fawns, twins of the roe.
Thy neck is as a tower of ivory;
Thine eyes like the pools in Heshbon,
By the gate of Bath-rabbim;
Thy nose is as the tower of Lebanon
Which looketh toward Damascus.
Thine head upon thee is like Carmel,
And the locks of thine head like purple thread;
The king is bound in the curls.
[S.] How fair and how pleasant art thou, O Love, for delights!

7 This thy stature is like to a palm tree,
And thy breasts to bunches of dates.
8 I said, 'I will go up to the palm tree,
'I will take hold of its boughs.'
Now also thy breasts shall be as clusters of the vine,
And the smell of thy nose like apples;
9 And the roof of thy mouth like the best wine.
[B.] Let it flow down for my Beloved smoothly,
Gliding through the lips of those that are sleepy.
10 I am my Beloved's, and his desire is toward me.
11 Come, my Beloved, let us go forth into the field;
Let us lodge in the villages.
12 Let us get up early to the vineyards;
Let us see if the vine flourish,
If the vine blossoms open, and the pomegranates bud.
There will I give thee my loves.
13 The mandrakes give a smell at our doors;
All the best, new and old, I lay up for thee, my Beloved.
1 O that thou wert as my brother,
Who sucked the breasts of my mother!
When I found thee without, I would kiss thee;
Yet I should not be despised.
2 I would lead thee, and bring thee to my mother's house;
She would teach me to make thee to drink
Spiced wine of the juice of my pomegranate.
3 His left hand should be under my head,
And his right hand should embrace me.
4 [S.] I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem,
That ye stir not, nor awaken my Love, until she please.

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5 [W.] Who is this that cometh up from the desert,
Leaning upon her Beloved?
[S.] I waked thee up under the apple tree;
There thy mother gave thee in pledge;
There she that bare thee gave thee in pledge.
6 [B.] Set me as a seal upon thy heart, as a seal upon thine arm;
For love is strong as death, jealousy cruel as hell;
Its flames are flames of fire, as the lightning of Jah.
7 [S.] Many waters cannot quench love,
Neither can the floods drown it.
If a man would give all the wealth of his house,

In the matter of love, it would be utterly despised.
[B.] We have a little sister, and she hath no breasts; 8
What shall we do for our sister
In the day when she shall be spoken for?
[S.] If she be a wall, we will build on her a tower of silver; 9
And if a door, we will close her with a board of cedar.
[B.] I am a wall, and my breasts like towers; 10
Then was I in his eyes as one that found favour.
[S.] Solomon hath a vineyard at Baal-hamon; 11
He hath let out the vineyard unto keepers;
Each for its fruit bringeth a thousand pieces of silver.
[B.] My vineyard, which is mine, is before me; 12
Thou, O Solomon, must have a thousand,
And those that keep its fruit two hundred.
[S.] O thou that dwellest in the gardens, 13
The companions hearken to thy voice; let me hear it.
[B.] Hasten, my Beloved, and be thou like a roe 14
Or a fawn of the deer on the mountains of spices.

THE BOOK OF ISAIAH.

THE VISION OF ISAIAH the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. 1

Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth; for Jehovah speaketh. I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me. The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib; but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider. Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evil-doers, children that are corrupters; they have forsaken Jehovah; they have despised the Holy One of Israel, they are gone away backward. 2 3 4

Why should ye be stricken any more? Ye revolt more and more; the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and fresh sores; they have not been closed, nor bound up, nor softened with oil. Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire; your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers. And the daughter of Zion is left as a booth in a vineyard, as a lodge in a 5 6 7 8

9 cucumber-garden, as a besieged city. Unless Jehovah of
hosts had left to us a small remnant, we should have been
as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah.
10 Hear the word of Jehovah, ye rulers of Sodom; give ear
11 unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah. For what
is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith Jehovah.
I am full of burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed
beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or lambs,
12 or he-goats. When ye come to appear before me, who hath
required this at your hand, to tread down my courts?
13 Bring no more vain meal offerings; incense is an abomina-
tion unto me; the new moon days and sabbaths, the calling
of convocations, I cannot endure; it is iniquity, even the
14 day of restraint [from work]. Your new moon days and
your appointed feasts my soul hateth; they are a trouble to
15 me; I am weary to bear them. And when ye spread forth
your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you; yea, when ye
make many prayers, I will not hear; your hands are full of
16 blood. Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of
17 your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; learn
to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, do justice
to the fatherless, plead for the widow.
18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith Jehovah;
though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as
snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as
19 wool. If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good
20 of the land; but if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be eaten
by the sword; for the mouth of Jehovah hath spoken it.
21 How is the faithful city become a harlot, that was full
of judgment! Righteousness lodged in it; but now mur-
22 derers. Thy silver is beome dross, thy wine mixed with
23 water. Thy princes are rebellious, and companions of
thieves; every one loveth bribes, and followeth after re-
wards; they do not do justice to the fatherless, neither doth
24 the cause of the widow come unto them. Therefore the
Lord, Jehovah of hosts hath said it, the Mighty One of
Israel, Ah, I will comfort myself upon mine adversaries,
25 and take vengeance on mine enemies; and I will turn my
hand upon thee, and purely purge away thy dross, and take
26 away all thy pewter; and I will bring back thy judges as
at first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning; afterward
thou shalt be called, The city of righteousness, the faithful

city. Zion shall be redeemed by judgment, and those that 27
are brought back to her by righteousness. But destruction 28
shall be on the transgressors and the sinners together, and
they that forsake Jehovah shall be consumed. For they shall 29
be ashamed of the trees which ye have desired, and ye shall
blush for the gardens that ye have chosen. For ye shall 30
be as a tree whose leaf fadeth, and as a garden that hath no
water. And the strong man shall be as tow, and his work 31
as a spark, and they shall both burn together, and none
shall quench them.

THE WORD THAT ISAIAH the son of Amoz saw concern- 1
ing JUDAH and JERUSALEM.

And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the 2
mountain of the House of Jehovah shall be established on
the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the
hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people 3
shall go and say, 'Come ye, and let us go up to the moun-
'tain of Jehovah, to the House of the God of Jacob; and
'he will teach us his ways, and we will walk in his paths;
'for out of Zion shall go forth the Law, and the word of
'Jehovah from Jerusalem.' And he will judge among the 4
nations, and will rebuke many people; and they shall beat
their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning-
hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither
shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light 5
of Jehovah.

For thou hast forsaken thy people the house of Jacob, 6
because they are full of the East, and are soothsayers like
the Philistines, and they join hands with the children of
foreigners. Their land is also full of silver and gold, neither 7
is there any end of their treasures; their land is also full
of horses, neither is there any end of their chariots. Their 8
land is also full of idols: they worship the work of their
own hands, that which their own fingers have made. And 9
the sons of Adam shall bow down, and man be humbled;
but thou wilt not forgive them.

Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, from before 10
the terror of Jehovah, and from the glory of his majesty.
The lofty looks of the sons of Adam shall be humbled, and 11
the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and Jehovah
alone will be exalted in that day.

12 For Jehovah of hosts will have a day upon every one
that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted
13 up; and he shall be humbled; and upon all the cedars
of Lebanon, that are high and lifted up, and upon all the
14 oaks of Bashan, and upon all the high mountains, and upon
15 all the hills that are lifted up, and upon every high tower,
16 and upon every fenced wall, and upon all ships of Tarshish,
17 and upon all pleasant pictures. And the loftiness of the
sons of Adam shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of
men shall be humbled; and Jehovah alone will be exalted
in that day.
18 And the idols he will utterly abolish. And men shall
19 go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves in the
dust, from before the terror of Jehovah, and from the glory
20 of his majesty, when he ariseth to terrify the earth. In
that day men shall cast their idols of silver, and their idols
of gold, which they made each for himself to worship, to
21 the moles and to the bats; to go into the clefts of the rocks,
and into the cracks in the cliffs, from before the terror of
Jehovah, and from the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth
to terrify the earth.
22 Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils; for
wherein is such a one to be esteemed?

1 For, behold, the Lord, Jehovah of hosts, doth take away
from Jerusalem and from Judah the stay and the staff, the
2 whole stay of bread, and the whole stay of water, the warrior,
and the man of war, the judge, and the prophet, and the
3 diviner, and the elder, the captain of fifty, and the honour-
able man, and the counsellor, and the skilful workman,
4 and him that understandeth enchantments. And I will
give children to be their princes, and babes shall rule over
5 them. And the people shall be oppressed, every one by
the other, and every one by his neighbour; the young man
will be proud against the elder, and the base against the
6 honourable. When a man shall take hold of his brother
in the house of his father, [saying,] 'Thou hast clothing,
'be thou our ruler, and let this ruin be under thy hand;'
7 in that day shall he swear, saying, 'I will not be a healer;
'for in my house is neither bread nor clothing; make me
8 'not a ruler of the people.' For Jerusalem is ruined, and
Judah is fallen; because their tongue and their doings are
against Jehovah, in rebellion against the eyes of his glory.

The strangeness of their countenance doth witness against 9
them; and they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide it not.
Woe unto their soul! for they have earned evil unto them-
selves. Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with 10
him; for they shall eat the fruit of their doings. Woe 11
unto the wicked! it shall be ill with him; for the reward
of his hands shall be given him.

As for my people, babes are their oppressors, and women 12
rule over them. O my people, they that guide thee cause
thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths. Jehovah 13
standeth up to plead, and standeth to judge the people.
Jehovah will enter into judgment with the elders of his 14
people, and the princes thereof; for ye have consumed the
vineyard; the plunder of the poor is in your houses. What 15
mean ye that ye crush my people, and grind the faces of
the poor? the Lord Jehovah of hosts hath said it.

Moreover Jehovah saith, Because the daughters of Zion 16
are haughty, and walk with stretched-forth necks and
wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, and wearing
ankle-rings at their feet: therefore the Lord will smite with 17
a scab the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, and
Jehovah will uncover their nakedness. In that day the 18
Lord will take away the bravery of their ankle-rings, and
their net-works, and their little moons, the ear-drops, and 19
the bracelets, and the veils, the head-dresses, and the ankle- 20
chains, and the girdles, and the scent-boxes, and the amu-
lets, the rings, and nose jewels, the holiday clothes, and the 21
mantles, and the handkerchiefs, and the purses, the mirrors, 22
and the fine linen, and the turbans, and the shawls. And 23
it shall come to pass, that instead of a sweet smell there 24
shall be rottenness; and instead of a girdle a rope; and
instead of well-set hair baldness; and instead of a stomacher
a girding of sackcloth; and a branded mark instead of
beauty. Thy men [O Zion] shall fall by the sword, and 25
thy warriors in the war. And her doorways shall sigh and 26
mourn; and she shall sit desolate upon the ground.

And in that day seven women shall take hold of one 1
man, saying, 'We will eat our own bread, and wear our
'own apparel; only let us be called by thy name, to take
'away our reproach.'

In that day shall the branch of Jehovah be beautiful and 2
glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and

3 comely for them that are escaped of Israel. And it shall come
to pass, that he that is left in Zion, and he that remaineth
in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even every one that is
4 written among the living in Jerusalem; when the Lord
shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion,
and shall have cleansed the blood of Jerusalem from the
midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit
5 of burning. Then Jehovah will create upon every place of
mount Zion, and upon her convocations, a cloud by day,
and smoke and the shining of a flaming fire by night; for
6 the Glory shall be a covering upon all. And there shall
be a Tabernacle for shade in the daytime from the heat,
and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and
from rain.

1 Now WILL I SING to my beloved a song of love touching
his vineyard. My beloved hath a vineyard on a very fruit-
2 ful hill. And he digged it, and gathered out its stones,
and planted it with the choicest vines, and built a tower in
the midst of it, and also hollowed out a winepress therein.
And he looked that it should bring forth grapes, and it
3 brought forth wild berries. And now, O inhabitants of
Jerusalem, and men of Judah, judge, I pray you, betwixt
4 me and my vineyard. What could have been done more
to my vineyard, that I have not done in it? wherefore, when
I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth
5 wild berries? And now let me tell you what I will do to my
vineyard. I will take away the hedge thereof, and it shall be
eaten up; and break down the wall thereof, and it shall be
6 trodden down. And I will make it a waste; it shall not
be pruned, nor digged; but there shall come up briers and
thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no
7 rain upon it. For the vineyard of Jehovah of hosts is the
house of Israel, and the men of Judah the plant of his
delight; and he looked for justice, but behold bloodshed;
for righteousness, but behold a cry.

8 Woe unto them that join house to house, that lay field
to field, till there be no place, that ye may dwell alone in
9 the midst of the earth! Jehovah of hosts [hath said] in
mine ears, Of a truth many houses shall be desolate, even
10 those that are great and fair, without inhabitant. Yea, ten
acres of vineyard shall yield only a Bath [or seven gallons],

and the seed of a Homer shall yield only an Ephah [or a tenth part].

Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink; that continue until night, till wine inflame them! And the harp, and the psaltery, the timbrel, and the pipe, and wine, are in their drinking feasts; but they regard not the work of Jehovah, neither consider the doings of his hands. 11 12

Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge; and their honourable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst. Therefore Hell hath enlarged herself, and hath opened her mouth without measure; and their glory, and their multitude, and their tumult, and he that rejoiceth, shall go down into it. And the sons of Adam shall be brought down, and man shall be humbled, and the eyes of the lofty shall be humbled; but Jehovah of hosts shall be exalted in judgment, and God that is holy shall be sanctified in righteousness. Then shall the lambs feed as in their own pasture, and the deserted places of the fat ones shall strangers eat. 13 14 15 16 17

Woe unto them that draw iniquity with cords of vanity, and sin as it were with a cart rope; that say, 'Let Him 'make speed, and hasten his work, so that we may see it. 'And let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw nigh 'and come, that we may know it!' 18 19

Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of valour to mingle strong drink; who acquit the wicked for the sake of a bribe, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him! Therefore as the tongue of the fire devoureth the stubble, and the flame consumeth the dry grass, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust; because they have cast away the Law of Jehovah of hosts, and have despised the word of the Holy One of Israel. Therefore is the anger of Jehovah kindled against his people, and he hath stretched forth his hand against them, and hath smitten them. And the hills tremble, and their carcases are as dung in the midst of the streets. 20 21 22 23 24 25

For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

26 And he will lift up an ensign to the nations from far, and will whistle for them from the end of the earth; and,
27 behold, they will come with speed swiftly. None shall be weary nor stumble among them; none shall slumber nor sleep; neither shall the girdle of their loins be loosed, nor
28 the latchet of their shoes be broken. Their arrows are sharp, and all their bows bent; their horses' hoofs are accounted like flint, and their chariot wheels like a whirl-
29 wind. Their roaring will be like a lioness, they will roar like young lions; yea, they will rage, and lay hold of the prey, and will carry it away safe, and none shall deliver it.
30 And in that day they shall rage against [Judah] like the raging of the sea; and if one look unto the land, behold darkness of distress, and the light is darkened in the heavy clouds thereof.

VI. 1 In the year that king Uzziah died [B.C. 758], I saw
2 also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of his garments filled the Temple. Above it stood the Seraphs [or fiery serpents]. Each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he
3 covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto the other, and said,

'Holy, holy, holy, is Jehovah of hosts;
'The whole earth is full of his glory.'

4 And the foundations of the threshold were moved at the voice of him that cried, and the House was filled with
5 smoke. Then said I, 'Woe is me! for I am undone; be-'cause I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst 'of a people of unclean lips, for mine eyes have seen the
6 'King, Jehovah of hosts.' Then flew one of the Seraphs unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken
7 with the tongs from off the altar. And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, 'Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and
8 'thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin forgiven.' Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, 'Whom shall I send, 'and who will go for us?' Then said I, 'Here am I; send
9 'me.' And he said, 'Go, and tell this people, Ye hear in-'deed, but understand not; and ye see indeed, but perceive
10 'not. Make the heart of this people fat, and make their 'ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their

'eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their
'heart, and be turned, and be healed.'

Then said I, 'Lord, how long?' And he answered, 11
'Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the
'houses without man, and the land be wasted with desola-
'tion, and Jehovah have removed the men far away, and 12
'there be a great forsaking in the midst of the land. And 13
'should there yet be in it a tenth, and it return, then it
'shall be consumed. As a teil tree, or as an oak, whose
'trunks remain to them, when they cast their leaves; so
'the holy seed shall be the trunk thereof.'

AND IT CAME to pass in the days of Ahaz the son of 1
Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, that Rezin the
king of Syria, and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of
Israel, went up toward Jerusalem to war against it, but
could not prevail against it. And it was told the house of 2
David, saying, 'Syria is encamped with Ephraim.' And
his heart was shaken, and the heart of his people, as the
trees of the wood are shaken before the wind.

Then said Jehovah unto Isaiah, Go forth now to meet 3
Ahaz, thou, and Shearjashub thy son, at the end of the
conduit of the Upper Pool in the highway of the fuller's
field; and say unto him, Take heed, and be quiet; fear not, 4
neither be fainthearted for the two tails of these smoking
firebrands, for the fierce anger of Rezin and Syria, and
of the son of Remaliah. Because Syria, Ephraim, and the 5
son of Remaliah, have taken evil counsel against thee, say-
ing, 'Let us go up against Judah, and vex it, and let us 6
'make a breach therein for us, and set a king in the midst
'of it, even the son of Tabeal;' thus saith the Lord Jeho- 7
vah, It shall not stand, neither shall it come to pass. For 8
as the head of Syria is Damascus, and as the head of
Damascus is Rezin; so within threescore and five years
shall Ephraim be broken, that it be not a people. But as 9
the head of Ephraim is Samaria, and as the head of Samaria
is Remaliah's son; so if ye will not believe, surely ye shall
not be established.

Moreover Jehovah spake again unto Ahaz, saying, 'Ask 10
'unto thee a sign from Jehovah thy God; ask it either in the 11
'depth, or in the height above.' But Ahaz said, 'I will not 12
'ask, neither will I try Jehovah.' And he said, Hear ye 13
now, O house of David; Is it a small thing for you to

14 weary men, but will ye weary my God also? Therefore the
Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, the young
woman shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his
15 name Immanuel. Curds and honey shall he eat, that he
16 may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good. For
before the child shall know to refuse the evil, and to choose
the good, the land by whose two kings thou art vexed shall
be made desolate.

17 Jehovah will bring upon thee, and upon thy people, and
upon thy father's house, days that have not come, from
the day that Ephraim departed from Judah; even the king
18 of Assyria. And it shall come to pass in that day, that
Jehovah will whistle for the fly that is in the uttermost
part of the rivers of Egypt, and for the bee that is in the
19 land of Assyria. And they shall come, and shall rest all
of them in the desolate valleys, and in the holes of the
rocks, and upon all thorn bushes, and upon all pastures.
20 In the same day shall the Lord shave with a razor that is
hired, namely, by them beyond the River [Euphrates], by
the king of Assyria, the head, and the hair of the feet; and
21 it shall also cut off the beard. And it shall come to pass
in that day, that a man shall nourish a young cow, and two
22 sheep; and it shall come to pass, from the abundance of
milk that they shall give that he shall eat curds; for curds
23 and honey shall every one eat that is left in the land. And
it shall come to pass in that day, it shall come to pass, that
every place where there were a thousand vines worth a
thousand pieces of silver, shall even be for briers and
24 thorns. With arrows and with bows shall men come thither;
25 because all the land shall be briers and thorns. But on
all hills that shall be digged with the spade, there shall not
come thither the fear of briers and thorns; but it shall be
for the sending forth of oxen, and for a sheep and goat
walk.

1 Moreover Jehovah said unto me, 'Take to thee a great
'tablet, and write on it with a man's pen concerning Maher-
2 'shalal Hash-baz.' And I took unto me faithful witnesses
to record, Uriah the priest, and Zechariah the son of Jebe-
3 rechiah. And I went in unto the prophetess; and she
conceived, and bare a son. Then said Jehovah to me,
'Call his name Maher-shalal Hash-baz [or Spoil hasten-
4 'eth, Prey speedeth]. For before the child shall have know-

'ledge to cry, 'My father, and my mother,' the riches of 'Damascus and the spoil of Samaria shall be taken away in 'the face of the king of Assyria.'

And Jehovah spake unto me again, saying, Forasmuch 5
as this people refuseth the waters of the Siloah that go 6
softly, and rejoiceth in Rezin and in Remaliah's son; now 7
therefore, behold, the Lord bringeth up upon them the waters of the River [Euphrates], strong and many, even the king of Assyria, and all his glory. And it shall come up over all its channels, and go over all its banks. And it 8
shall pass through Judah; it shall overflow and go over, it shall reach even to the neck; and the stretching out of its wings shall fill the breadth of thy land, O Immanuel [or God is with us].

Do your worst, O ye peoples, but ye shall be broken in 9
pieces. And give ear, all ye of far countries; gird yourselves, but ye shall be broken in pieces; gird yourselves, but ye shall be broken in pieces. Take counsel together, 10
but it shall come to nought; speak the word, but it shall not stand; for—God is with us.

For Jehovah spake thus to me with a strong hand, and 11
instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying, Say ye not, 'There is a confederacy.' Of 12
all them of whom this people shall say, There is a confederacy; neither fear ye their fear, nor be in dread. Sanc- 13
tify Jehovah of hosts himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread; and he shall be for a Sanctuary. 14
But he shall be for a stone to strike against and for a stumbling-block to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. And many among 15
them shall stumble, and fall, and be broken, and be ensnared, and be taken.

Bind up the testimony, set a seal upon the law among 16
my disciples. And I will wait upon Jehovah, who hideth 17
his face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for him. Behold, I and the children whom Jehovah hath given me 18
are for signs and for wonders in Israel from Jehovah of hosts, who dwelleth on mount Zion. And when they shall 19
say unto you, 'Seek unto them that have speaking bottles '[or the ventriloquists], and unto wizards that chirp, and that 'mutter;' should not a people seek unto their God? Is it for the living to seek unto the dead for the law and for 20

the testimony? If they speak not according to this word,
21 it is because light dawneth not on them. And they shall pass through it, distressed and hungry. And it shall come to pass, that when they shall be hungry, they shall fret themselves, and curse their king and their God, and look
22 upward. And they shall look unto the earth; and behold trouble and darkness, dimness of anguish; and they shall
1 1 be driven into darkness. Nevertheless the dimness shall not be such as was in her vexation, when at the first He lightly afflicted the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, and afterward did more grievously afflict the land by the way of the Sea, and that beyond the Jordan, and Galilee [or the Circle] of the Nations.

1 2 The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death,
1 3 upon them hath the light shined. Thou hast multiplied the nation, and increased its joy. They joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when
1 4 they divide the spoil. For thou hast broken the yoke of its burden, and the staff on its shoulder, the rod of its
1 5 oppressor, as in the day of Midian. For every soldier's shoe is muddied in the confusion and his garments are rolled in blood; and this shall be with burning and fuel
1 6 of fire. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, mighty God,
1 7 everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of Jehovah of hosts will perform this.

1 8 THE LORD SENT A WORD unto Jacob, and it hath fallen
1 9 upon Israel. And all the people shall know, even Ephraim and the inhabitant of Samaria, that say in pride and stout-
2 0 ness of heart, 'The bricks are fallen down, but we will build 'with hewn stones; the sycamores are cut down, but we
2 1 'will change them for cedars.' But Jehovah will set up the enmity of Rezin against him, and will arm his ene-
2 2 mies, the Syrians before, and the Philistines behind; and they shall devour Israel with open mouth.

For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

For the people turneth not unto him that smiteth them, 13
neither do they seek Jehovah of hosts. Therefore Jehovah 14
will cut off from Israel head and tail, palm-branch and bull-
rush, in one day. The elder and honourable, he is the 15
head; and the prophet that teacheth lies, he is the tail.
For the guides of this people cause them to err; and they 16
that are guided by them are destroyed. Therefore the 17
Lord will have no joy in their young men, neither will have
pity on their fatherless and widows; for every one is un-
godly and an evil-doer, and every mouth speaketh folly.

For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

For wickedness burneth as the fire; it shall devour the 18
briers and thorns, and shall kindle in the thickets of the
forest, and the rising of the smoke shall curl upwards.
Through the wrath of Jehovah of hosts is the land scorched, 19
and the people shall be as the fuel of the fire; no man shall
spare his brother. And he shall snatch on the right hand, 20
and be hungry; and he shall eat on the left hand, and they
shall not be satisfied; they shall eat every man the flesh
of his own arm. Manasseh shall be against Ephraim; and 21
Ephraim against Manasseh; and both together shall be
against Judah.

For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

Woe unto them that decree unrighteous decrees, and 1
that write misery by what they write; to turn aside judg- 2
ment from the needy, and to take away justice from the
poor of my people, that widows may be their prey, and that
they may rob the fatherless! And what will ye do in the 3
day of visitation, and in the desolation which shall come
from far? to whom will ye flee for help? and where will
ye leave your wealth? Without me they shall bow down 4
among the prisoners, and they shall fall among the slain.

For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

Woe unto the Assyrian, the rod of mine anger; and 5
the staff in their hand is mine indignation. I will send 6
him against an ungodly nation, and against the people of

my wrath will I give him a charge, to take the spoil, and
to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of
7 the streets. Howbeit he meaneth not so, neither doth his
heart so purpose; but it is in his heart to destroy and to
8 cut off nations not a few. For he saith, 'Are not my
9 'princes altogether kings? Is not Calno as Carchemish? is
'not Hamath as Arpad? is not Samaria as Damascus?
10 'Since my hand hath had to do with the kingdoms of idols,
'and of graven images worse than those of Jerusalem and
11 'Samaria; shall I not, as I have done unto Samaria and
'her idols, so do to Jerusalem and her images?'
12 Wherefore it shall come to pass, that when the Lord
hath performed his whole work on mount Zion and on
Jerusalem, I will punish the fruit of the stout heart of the
13 king of Assyria, and the glory of his high looks. For he
saith, 'By the strength of my hand I have done it, and by
'my wisdom; for I am prudent. And I have removed the
'boundaries of the people, and have robbed their treasures,
'and I have put down the inhabitants like a valiant man.
14 'And my hand hath found as a nest the riches of the
'people. And as one gathereth eggs that are left, have I
'gathered all the earth; and there was none that moved
'the wing, or opened the mouth, or chirped.'
15 Shall the axe boast itself against him that heweth there-
with? or shall the saw magnify itself against him that
moveth it? as if the rod could move itself against them that
lift it up, or as if the staff could be lifted up if it were not
16 wood. Therefore will the Lord, the Lord of hosts, send
among his fat ones leanness; and for his glory he will
17 kindle a burning like the burning of a fire. And the light
of Israel shall be for a fire, and his Holy One for a flame;
and it shall burn and devour his thorns and his briers in
18 one day; and the glory of his forest, and of his fruitful field,
both soul and body shall it consume; and they shall be as
19 when a sick man fainteth. And the rest of the trees of his
forest shall be few, that a child may take account of them.
20 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the remnant
of Israel, and such as are escaped of the house of Jacob,
shall no more again lean upon him that smote them; but
shall lean upon Jehovah, the Holy One of Israel, in truth.
21 A remnant shall return, even a remnant of Jacob, unto the
22 mighty God. For though thy people, O Israel, be as the

sand of the sea, yet only a remnant of them shall return;
the consumption that is decreed shall overflow with righ-
teousness. For the consumption and decree of the Lord 23
Jehovah of hosts will he make in the midst of all the land.

Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah of hosts, O my 24
people that dwellest in Zion, be not afraid of the Assy-
rian; he shall smite thee with a rod, and shall lift up
his staff against thee, after the manner of the Egyptians. For 25
yet a very little while, and indignation shall cease, and then
mine anger shall be in their destruction. And then Jeho- 26
vah of hosts will stir up a scourge for him according to the
slaughter of Midian at the rock of Oreb; and as his rod
was upon the sea, so shall he lift it up after the manner of
the Egyptians. And it shall come to pass in that day, that 27
his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and
his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed
because of the fatness.

He is come to the Mounds [of the Heberites]; he is passed 28
over [the Jordan] to Migron; at Michmash he hath laid up
his baggage; they are passed over the ford; they have 29
taken up their lodging at Geba; Ramah is afraid; Gibeah
of Saul is fled. Shout with thy voice, O daughter of Gallim; 30
hearken, O Laish, O poor Anathoth. Madmenah is re- 31
moved; the inhabitants of Gebim flee away. As yet he 32
will remain the day at Nob; he shaketh his hand against
the mount of the daughter of Zion, the hill of Jerusalem.
Behold, the Lord, Jehovah of hosts, will lop the bough with 33
terrible violence; and the high ones of stature shall be
hewn down, and the haughty shall be humbled. And he 34
will cut down the thickets of the forest with iron, and Le-
banon shall fall by a mighty one.

But there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of 1
Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots; and the 2
spirit of Jehovah shall rest upon him; the spirit of wisdom
and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the
spirit of knowledge and of the fear of Jehovah. And he 3
will take delight in the fear of Jehovah; and he will not
judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the
hearing of his ears. But with righteousness will he judge 4
the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth.
And he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

5 And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faith-
6 fulness the girdle of his reins. The wolf also shall dwell
with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the
kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling to-
7 gether; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow
and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down
8 together. And the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And
the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and
the weaned child shall put his hand on the viper's den.
9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of Jehovah, as
the waters cover the sea.

10 And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, who shall
stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Na-
11 tions seek. And his resting-place shall be glorious. And
it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set
his hand again a second time to redeem the remnant of his
people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Lower
Egypt, and from Pathros [or Upper Egypt], and from Ethi-
opia, and from Elam [or Western Persia], and from Shinar
[or Babylonia], and from Hamath [or Syria], and from the
12 islands of the sea. And he shall set up an ensign for the
nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather
together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of
13 the earth. The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the
enmity of Judah shall be cut off; Ephraim shall not envy
14 Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim. But they shall
fly against the borders of the Philistines toward the west;
at the same time they shall plunder the Children of the
East. Edom and Moab shall stretch forth their hands;
15 and the children of Ammon shall obey them. And Jeho-
vah will utterly destroy the tongue [or Bay] of the Egyp-
tian sea; and with his mighty wind he will wave his hand
over the river [Nile], and will smite it in the seven streams,
16 and make men go over dryshod. And there shall be a
highway for the remnant of his people, those who shall be
left from Assyria, like as it was for Israel in the day that
he came up out of the land of Lower Egypt.

1 And in that day thou shalt say,
'Jehovah, I praise thee, though thou wast angry with me;
'Thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortest me.
2 'Lo, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid;

'For Jah-Jehovah is my strength and my song;
'He also is become my salvation.'
Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells 3
of salvation. And in that day shall ye say, 4
'Praise ye Jehovah, call upon his name,
'Declare his doings among the people,
'Make mention that his name is exalted.
'Sing to Jehovah; for he hath done excellent things; 5
'Let this be known in all the earth.
'Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion; 6
'For great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.'

THE BURDEN OF BABYLON, which Isaiah the son of 1
Amoz did see as a vision.
Lift ye up a banner upon the bare mountain, exalt the 2
voice unto them [the Medes], wave the hand, that they
may go into the doorways of the tyrants. I have commanded 3
those consecrated for my purpose; yea, I have called the
warriors for mine anger, even them that rejoice in my high-
ness.
There is the noise of a rabble on the mountains, the 4
likeness of a great people; a tumultuous noise of the king-
doms of nations gathered together. Jehovah of hosts mus-
tereth the host of the battle. They come from a far country, 5
from the end of the heavens, even Jehovah, and the wea-
pons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land.
Howl ye; for the day of Jehovah is at hand; it shall 6
come as a destruction from the Almighty. Therefore shall 7
all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt. And 8
they shall be afraid; pangs and sorrows shall take hold of
them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth.
They shall be amazed one at another; their faces shall be
as the faces of flames.
Behold, the day of Jehovah cometh, cruel both with wrath 9
and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate; and He will
destroy the sinners thereof out of it. For the stars of the 10
heavens and the constellations thereof shall not give their
light; the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the
moon shall not cause her light to shine. And I will punish 11
the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity;
and I will cause the arrogance of the proud to cease, and
will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible. I will make 12

a man more precious than fine gold, and a son of Adam
12 than the gold of Ophir. Therefore I will shake the heavens; and the earth shall remove out of its place, in the wrath of Jehovah of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger.
14 And it [Babylon] shall be as the chased roe, and as sheep that no man gathereth together. They shall every man turn to his own people, and flee every one into his own
15 land. Every one that is found shall be thrust through; and every one that would hide himself shall fall by the
16 sword. Their children also shall be dashed to pieces before their eyes; their houses shall be plundered, and their wives
17 ravished. Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, who regard not silver; and as for gold, they have no delight
18 in it. Their bows also shall dash the young men to pieces; and they shall have no mercy on the fruit of the womb;
19 their eye shall have no pity for children. And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellence, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.
20 It shall not be inhabited for the future, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation. Neither shall the Arabian pitch his tent there; neither shall the shepherds
21 make their fold there. But wild beasts of the desert shall lie there; and their houses shall be full of yelling creatures; and ostriches shall dwell there, and satyrs shall dance there.
22 And the howling beasts shall cry in their palaces, and jackals in their pleasant halls; and her time is near to come, and her days shall not be prolonged.
1 For Jehovah will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel, and set them at rest in their own land; and strangers shall be joined with them, and shall cleave to the
2 house of Jacob. And the Tribes shall take them, and bring them to their place; and the house of Israel shall possess them in the land of Jehovah for servants and for handmaids. And they shall take for captives those whose captives they were; and they shall rule over their oppressors.
3 And it shall come to pass in the day that Jehovah shall give thee rest from thy sorrow, and from thy fear, and from
4 the hard bondage wherein thou wast made to serve, that thou shalt take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, [Belshazzar,] and say, 'How hath the oppressor ceased!
5 'the gold-exacting city ceased!' Jehovah hath broken the

staff of the wicked, the sceptre of the rulers, which smote 6
the people in wrath with an unceasing stroke, which ruled
the nations in anger, which persecuted, and none hindered.
The whole earth is at rest, and is quiet; they break forth 7
into singing. Yea, the fir trees rejoice at thee, and the 8
cedars of Lebanon, [saying,] 'Since thou art laid down, no
'woodcutter is come up against us.'

Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thy coming. 9
It stirreth up the departed spirits for thee, even all the
leader-goats of the earth; it hath raised up from their
thrones all the kings of the nations. All they shall speak 10
and say unto thee, 'Art thou also become weak as we! art
'thou become like unto us!' Thy pomp is brought down 11
to hell, and the noise of thy psalteries. The worm is spread
under thee, and the maggots cover thee. How art thou 12
fallen from the heavens, O Day-star, son of the morning!
how art thou cut down to the ground, who didst crush the
nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, 'I will ascend 13
'into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of
'God; I will sit also upon the mountain of the assembly
'[of gods], in the recesses of the north. I will ascend above 14
'the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High.'

Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the recesses 15
of the pit. They that see thee shall gaze upon thee, and 16
consider thee, [saying,] 'Is this the man that made the
'earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms; that made the 17
'world as a desert, and laid waste the cities thereof; that
'opened not the house of his prisoners!' All the kings of 18
the nations, even all of them, lie in glory, every one in his
own house. But thou art cast out of thy grave like a vile 19
branch, covered with those that are slain, that are thrust
through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the
pit. Thou art as a carcase trodden under feet. Thou shalt 20
not be joined with them in burial, because thou hast de-
stroyed thy land, and slain thy people. The seed of evil-
doers will never be renowned.

Prepare slaughter for his children for the iniquity of 21
their fathers; that they do not rise, nor possess the land,
nor fill the face of the world with cities. For I will rise 22
up against them, Jehovah of hosts hath said it; and I will
cut off from Babylon the name, and the remnant, both
the sons, and the sons' sons. Jehovah hath said it. I will 23

also make it a possession for the hedgehog, and stagnant pools of water; and I will sweep it with the besom of destruction, Jehovah of hosts hath said it.

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21 JEHOVAH OF HOSTS hath sworn, saying, Surely as I had in mind, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed,
25 so shall it stand, that I will break the Assyrian in my land, and upon my mountains I will tread him under foot. Then shall his yoke depart from off them, and his burden depart
26 from off their shoulders. This is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth; and this is the hand that is
27 stretched out upon all the nations. For Jehovah of hosts hath purposed, and who shall annul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?

28 IN THE YEAR that king Ahaz died [B.C. 727] was this burden.

29 Rejoice not, all thou Land of of the Philistines, because the rod of him that smote thee is broken; for out of the serpent's root shall come forth a viper, and his fruit shall
30 be a fiery flying serpent. And the firstborn of the poor shall be fed, and the needy shall lie down in safety; and I will kill thy root with famine, and the remnant of thee
31 shall be slain. Howl, O city gate; cry, O city; thou, Land of the Philistines, art dissolved all of thee. For there shall come from the North a smoke, and not a straggler shall be
32 among his appointed ones. What then shall one answer to the messengers of the nation? 'That Jehovah hath 'founded Zion, and the poor of his people shall flee for 'safety there.'

XV. 1 THE BURDEN OF MOAB, when in the night Ar of Moab was laid waste, and brought to silence; when in the night Kir of Moab was laid waste, and brought to silence.

2 He is gone to the House, even to Dibon, to weep on the High Places. Moab howleth over Nebo, and over Medeba. On all their heads is baldness, and every beard is cut off.
3 In their streets they gird themselves with sackcloth; on the tops of their houses, and in their broad places, every
4 one howleth, going down while weeping. And Heshbon crieth, and Elealeh; their voice is heard even unto Jahaz. Therefore the armed soldiers of Moab make a noise; his
5 life is become grievous unto him. My heart crieth out for

Moab; its fugitives flee unto Zoar, as a heifer of three years old. For by the hill road of Luhith with weeping they go up; for in the way of Horonaim they raise up a cry of destruction. For the waters of Nimrim are desolate; 6
for the hay withereth away, the grass faileth, there is no green thing. Therefore the remnant they have gotten, and 7
what they have laid up, they carry away to the Valley of Willows. For the cry is gone round about the boundaries 8
of Moab; the howling thereof unto Eglaim, and the howling thereof unto Beer-elim. For the waters of Dimon [or 9
Dibon in Gad] shall be full of blood. For I will bring yet more upon Dimon, lions upon him of Moab that escapeth, and upon the remnant of the land.

Send ye the lamb [tribute] of the ruler of the land from 1
Selah [or Petra] in the desert, unto the Mountain of the daughter of Zion. For it shall be, that, as a wandering 2
bird cast out of the nest, so the daughters of Moab shall be at the fords of the Arnon, [saying,]

'Give ye counsel, execute justice; make thy shade in the 3
'midst of the noonday as the night; hide the outcasts; be-
'tray not him that fleeth. Let the outcasts of Moab dwell 4
'with thee; be thou a covert to them from the face of the
'spoiler. For the extortioner is at an end, the spoiler
'ceaseth, the oppressors are consumed out of the land. And 5
'in kindness shall the throne be established. And one
'shall sit upon it in truth in the tent of David, judging, and
'seeking judgment, and hastening righteousness.'

We have heard of the pride of Moab; he is very haughty; 6
even of his haughtiness, and his pride, and his wrath; but his vain boastings shall not be so. Therefore shall Moab 7
howl over Moab, every one shall howl. Over the ruins of Kir-hareseth shall ye sigh; surely they are stricken. For 8
the fields of Heshbon languish, and the vine of Sibmah. The lords of the Nations have broken down the best vines thereof; they are come even unto Jazer, they wander through the desert; her branches are cast forth, they are gone over the sea. Therefore I will weep with the weep- 9
ing of Jazer for the vine of Sibmah. I will water thee with my tears, O Heshbon, and Elealeh; for the joyous shout over thy summer fruits and over thy harvest that hath ceased. And gladness is taken away, and joy out of the 10
plentiful field; and in the vineyards there shall be no

singing, neither shall there be shouting. The treaders shall tread out no wine in their presses; I have made their
11 joyous shout to cease. Therefore my bowels shall moan like a harp for Moab, and mine inward parts for Kir-haresh.
12 And it shall come to pass, when it is seen that Moab is weary of the High Place [or altar], that it shall come to His Sanctuary to pray, but shall not prevail.
13 This is the word that Jehovah hath spoken concerning
14 Moab SINCE THAT TIME. Even now Jehovah hath spoken, saying, Within three years, as the years of a hireling, and the glory of Moab shall be brought to shame, with all that great rabble; and the remnant shall be less than small and not many.

1 THE BURDEN OF DAMASCUS.

Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and
2 it shall be a ruinous heap. The cities of Aroer are forsaken; they shall be for flocks, which shall lie down, and
3 none shall make them afraid. The fortress also shall cease from Ephraim, and the kingdom from Damascus and the remnant of Syria; they shall be as the glory of the children of Israel, Jehovah of hosts hath said it.
4 And in that day it shall come to pass, that the glory of Jacob shall be made thin, and the fatness of his flesh shall
5 grow lean. And it shall be as when the harvestman gathereth the corn, and reapeth the ears with his arm; and it shall be as he that gathereth the ears of corn in the
6 Valley of Giants. And only gleanings shall be left on it, as the shaking of an olive tree, two or three berries on the top of the uppermost bough, four or five on the outmost fruit-bearers thereof, Jehovah the God of Israel hath said it.
7 In that day shall a man look to his Maker, and his eyes
8 shall have regard to the Holy One of Israel. And he shall not look to the altars, the work of his hands, neither shall regard that which his fingers have made, either the groves of Ashera, or the Sun-images.
9 In that day shall his strong cities be as a forsaken bough of the forest, and as an uppermost branch, which they left because of the children of Israel. And there shall be de-
10 solation. Because thou hast forgotten the God of thy salvation, and hast not been mindful of the rock of thy strength, therefore shalt thou plant pleasant plants, and
11 shalt set it with strange slips; in the day shalt thou make

thy plant to grow, and in the morning shalt thou make thy seed to flourish; but the harvest shall flee away in the day of possession, and there shall be desperate sorrow.

WOE TO THE RABBLE OF MANY PEOPLE, who make a noise 12
like the noise of the ocean; and to the rushing of nations, that make a rushing like the rushing of mighty waters! The nations shall rush like the rushing of many waters. 13
But [God] will rebuke them, and they shall flee far off, and shall be chased as the chaff of the mountains before the wind, and like thistledown before the whirlwind. And 14
behold at eveningtide there is trouble; and before the morning he is not. This is the portion of them that plunder us, and the lot of them that rob us.

WOE TO THE LAND OF RUSTLING WINGS [or Abyssinia], 1
which is beyond the rivers of Ethiopia; that sendeth am- 2
bassadors by the sea, even in vessels of bulrushes upon the face of the waters, [saying,] 'Go, ye swift messengers, to a 'nation [Israel] scattered and made bare, to a people ter- 'rible from their beginning hitherto; a nation measured 'out and trodden down, whose land the Rivers [Tigris and 'Euphrates] have plundered!'

All ye inhabitants of the world, and dwellers on the 3
earth, see ye, when he lifteth up an ensign on the mountains; and when he bloweth a trumpet, hear ye. For so 4
Jehovah said unto me, 'I will take my rest, and I will con- 'sider in my dwelling-place as in the bright heat of the 'sun when highest, and as when there is a cloud of dew 'in the heat of harvest.' For afore the harvest, when the 5
bud is perfect, and the sour grape is ripening on the flower, he will both cut off the sprigs with pruning knives, and will take away the branches that are cut down. They shall 6
be left together for the birds of the mountains, and for the beasts of the earth; and the birds shall pass the summer upon them, and all the beasts of the earth shall winter upon them.

At that time shall presents be brought unto Jehovah of 7
hosts from a people scattered and made bare, and who are some of the people terrible from their beginning hitherto, the nation measured out and trodden down, whose land the Rivers have plundered, to the Place of the name of Jehovah of hosts, the mount Zion.

1 THE BURDEN OF EGYPT.
Behold, Jehovah rideth upon a swift cloud, and will
come into Egypt; and the idols of Egypt shall be moved
at his presence, and the heart of Egypt shall melt in the
2 midst of it. And I will arm the Egyptians against the
Egyptians; and they shall fight every one against his bro-
ther, and every one against his neighbour; city against city,
3 and kingdom against kingdom. And the spirit of Egypt
shall fail in the midst thereof; and I will destroy the coun-
sel thereof. And they shall seek to the idols, and to the
whisperers [or serpent-charmers], and to the speaking bot-
4 tles [or ventriloquists], and to the wizards. And the Egyp-
tians will I give over into the hand of a cruel lord; and a
fierce king shall rule over them, the Lord, Jehovah of hosts,
hath said it.
5 And the waters shall fail from the sea, and the river shall
6 be wasted and dried up. And the rivers shall become
putrid; and the streams of defence shall be emptied and
7 dried up; the reeds and flags shall wither. The meadows
by the river [Nile], by the mouth of the river, and every
thing sown by the river, shall wither, be driven away, and
8 be no more. The fishers also shall mourn, and all they
that cast a hook into the river shall lament, and they that
spread nets upon the face of the waters shall languish.
9 Moreover they that work in fine flax, and they that weave
10 white cloths, shall be confounded. And her pillars shall
be broken, all that work for hire shall be sad in soul.
11 Surely the princes of Zoan [or Tanis] are fools, the
counsel of the wise counsellors of Pharaoh is become bru-
tish. How say ye unto Pharaoh, 'I am the son of the
12 'wise, the son of ancient kings'? Where are now thy wise
men? And let them tell thee now, and let them make
known what Jehovah of hosts hath purposed upon Egypt.
13 The princes of Zoan are become fools, the princes of Noph
[or Memphis] are deceived; they have also seduced Egypt,
14 even the corner-turrets of its tribes. Jehovah hath min-
gled a perverse spirit in the midst thereof; and they have
caused Egypt to err in every work thereof, as a drunken
15 man staggereth in his vomit. Neither shall there be any
work for Egypt, which the head or tail, palm branch or
bulrush, may do.
16 In that day shall Egypt be like unto women; and it

shall be afraid and in fear because of the shaking of the hand of Jehovah of hosts, which he shaketh against it. And 17
the land of Judah shall be a terror unto Egypt, every one that maketh mention thereof shall be afraid in himself, because of the counsel of Jehovah of hosts which he hath determined against it.

In that day there shall be five cities in the land of Egypt 18
which speak the language of Canaan, and swear by Jehovah of hosts; one shall be called, The city of destruction.

In that day shall there be an altar to Jehovah in the 19
midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar at the boundary thereof to Jehovah. And it shall be for a sign and for a 20
witness unto Jehovah of hosts in the land of Egypt. For they shall cry unto Jehovah because of the oppressors, and he will send them a saviour, and he shall defend, and shall deliver them. And Jehovah shall be known to Egypt, and 21
the Egyptians shall know Jehovah in that day, and shall bring sacrifice and meal offerings; yea, they shall vow a vow unto Jehovah, and shall perform it. And Jehovah 22
will smite Egypt; he will smite it and heal it. And they shall return even to Jehovah, and he will be entreated by them, and will heal them.

In that day shall there be a highway out of Egypt to 23
Assyria, and the Assyrians shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptians into Assyria, and the Egyptians shall serve the Assyrians.

In that day shall Israel be the third with Egypt and 24
with Assyria, even a blessing in the midst of the land; whom Jehovah of hosts will bless, saying, 'Blessed be 25
'Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and 'Israel mine inheritance.'

In the year that Tartan came unto Ashdod [or Azotus, 1
B.C. 714], (when Sargon [or Sennacherib] the king of Assyria sent him), and fought against Ashdod, and took it; at the 2
same time spake Jehovah by the hand of Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying, 'Go and loose the sackcloth from off thy 'loins, and put off thy shoe from thy foot.' And he did so, walking naked and barefoot. And Jehovah said, Like 3
as my servant Isaiah hath walked naked and barefoot three years for a sign and wonder upon Egypt and upon Ethiopia; so shall the king of Assyria lead away the Egyptians 4
prisoners, and the Ethiopians captives, young and old, naked

and barefoot, even with their buttocks uncovered, to the
15 shame of Egypt. And [Israel] shall be afraid and ashamed
of Ethiopia their expectation, and of Egypt their glory.
16 And the inhabitant of this coast shall say in that day,
'Behold, such is our expectation, when we flee there for
'help to be delivered from the king of Assyria; and how
'shall we escape?'

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21 THE BURDEN OF THE DESERT BY THE SEA.
As a whirlwind in the south country when passing
through; so it cometh from the desert, from a terrible land.
12 A grievous vision is declared unto me; the cheater cheateth,
and the spoiler spoileth. Go up, O Elam [or Persia]; be-
siege, O Media; all the sighing about it have I made to
13 cease. Whereas my loins were filled with pain; pangs had
taken hold upon me, as the pangs of a woman that tra-
vaileth; I was bowed down, and I could not hear it; I was
14 dismayed, and I could not see it. My heart panted, terrors
affrighted me; the night of my pleasure was turned into
fear unto me.
5 The table is prepared, the watch is in the watch-tower,
they eat and drink. Arise, ye princes, and anoint the
6 shield. For thus hath the Lord said unto me, 'Go, set a
7 'watchman, let him declare what he seeth.' And he saw
a chariot with a couple of horsemen, a rider on an ass, and
a rider on a camel; and he hearkened diligently with much
8 heed. And he cried out like a lion; 'My lord, I stand
'continually upon the watch-tower in the daytime, and I
9 'am set in my ward every night. And, behold, here cometh
'a man in a chariot with a couple of horsemen.' And he
answered and said, 'Babylon is fallen, is fallen; and all the
10 'graven images of her gods are broken to the ground.' O
my crushed one, and child of my threshing floor; that
which I have heard from Jehovah of hosts, the God of
Israel, I have declared unto you.
11 THE BURDEN OF DUMAH.
One calleth to me out of Seir, 'Watchman, what of the
12 'night? Watchman, what of the night?' The watchman
said, 'The morning cometh, and also the night. If ye will
'inquire, inquire ye; return and come again.'
13 THE BURDEN UPON ARABIA.
In the forest in Arabia shall ye lodge, O ye travelling

companies of Dedanites. The inhabitants of the land of 14
Tema brought water to him that was thirsty, they hastened
with their bread to him that fled. For they fled from the 15
swords, from the drawn sword, and from the bent bow, and
from the grievousness of war.

For thus hath the Lord said unto me, Within a year, 16
according to the years of a hireling, and all the glory of
Kedar shall fail. And the residue of the number of archers, 17
the warriors of the children of Kedar, shall be diminished;
for Jehovah the God of Israel hath spoken it.

THE BURDEN OF THE VALLEY OF VISIONS. 1

What aileth thee now, that thou art all of thee gone up
to the housetops? Thou that wast full of noises, a tumul- 2
tuous town, a joyous city; thy slain men are not slain with
the sword, nor dead in battle. All thy rulers are fled to- 3
gether, they are taken captive by the archers. All of thee
that are found are taken captive together, who fled afar
off.

Therefore I said, Look away from me; I will weep bit- 4
terly, labour not to comfort me, because of the spoiling of
the daughter of my people. For it is a day of trouble, and 5
of treading down, and of perplexity by the Lord Jehovah
of hosts in the Valley of Visions. They break down the
walls, and there is a cry unto the mountains. And Elam 6
beareth the quiver with chariots of men and horsemen,
and Kir uncovereth the shield. And it shall come to 7
pass, that thy choicest valleys shall be full of chariots, and
the horsemen shall set themselves in array at the city gate.
And he shall remove the covering of Judah. 8

And thou shalt look in that day to the armoury of the
House of the Forest. Ye shall see also the breaches of the 9
city of David, that they are many; and ye shall gather to-
gether the waters of the Lower Pool. And ye shall num- 10
ber the houses of Jerusalem, and shall break down the
houses to fortify the wall. Ye shall make also a Cistern 11
between the two walls for the water of the Old Pool. But
ye look not unto the Maker thereof, neither have respect
unto him that fashioned it long ago.

And in that day will the Lord Jehovah of hosts call to 12
weeping, and to mourning, and to baldness, and to girding
with sackcloth. But behold joy and gladness, slaying oxen, 13

and killing sheep, eating flesh, and drinking wine; 'let us
14 'eat and drink; for to-morrow we shall die.' And it was revealed in mine ears by Jehovah of hosts, 'Surely this 'iniquity shall not be purged from you till ye die,' saith the Lord Jehovah of hosts.

15 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah of hosts, Go, get thee unto this favourite [of Hezekiah], even unto Shebna, who is over
16 the house, [and say,] 'What hast thou here? and whom 'hast thou here, that thou hast hewed for thee a sepulchre 'here, as one that heweth for him a sepulchre on high, and
17 'that cutteth a habitation for himself in a rock? Behold, 'Jehovah will throw thee down with a mighty overthrow,
18 'and will surely cover thee. He will twist and turn and 'toss thee like a ball into a country large of space. There 'shalt thou die, and there the chariots of thy glory shall be
19 'the shame of thy lord's house. And I will thrust thee off 'thy column, and he shall pull thee down from thy standing 'place.'

20 And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will call
21 my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah; and I will clothe him with thy coat, and strengthen him with thy girdle, and I will commit thy government into his hand. And he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to
22 the house of Judah. And the key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder; so he shall open, and none
23 shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open. And I will fasten him as a tent-pin in a sure place; and he
24 shall be for a glorious seat for his father's house. And they shall hang upon him all the glory of his father's house, the offspring both great and small, with all vessels of small quantity, from the vessels of goblets, even to all the vessels of skins.

In that day, Jehovah of hosts hath said it, shall the tent-pin that had been fastened in the sure place be removed, and be cut down, and fall; and the burden that was upon it shall be cut off; for Jehovah hath spoken it.

1 THE BURDEN OF TYRE.

Howl, ye ships of Tarshish [or Tarsus]; for it is laid waste, so that there is no house, no entering in. From the land of the Chittians [or Cyprians] it was revealed to them.
2 Be silent, ye inhabitants of the isle; thou whom the merchants of Sidon, that pass over the sea, have replenished.

And by means of the great waters the seed of the Shihor [or Nile], the harvest of the river, is her revenue; and she is a mart of nations. 3

Be thou ashamed, O Sidon; for the sea hath spoken, even the Fortress of the sea, saying, 'I travail not, nor 'bring forth children, neither do I nourish up young men, 'nor bring up maidens.' When the report reacheth the Egyptians, shall they be sorely pained at the report of Tyre. 4 5

Pass ye over to Tarshish; howl, ye inhabitants of the isle. Is this your joyous city, whose antiquity is from ancient days? Her own feet shall carry her afar off to sojourn. Who purposed this against Tyre, the giver of crowns, whose merchants are princes, whose traffickers are the honoured of the earth? Jehovah of hosts hath purposed it, to stain the pride of all glory, and to bring into contempt all the honoured of the earth. Pass through thy land as a river, O daughter of Tarshish; there is no longer any restraint. He hath stretched out his hand over the sea, he hath shaken the kingdoms. Jehovah hath given a commandment against Canaan, to destroy the strongholds thereof. And he hath said, 'Thou shalt no more rejoice, O thou op- 'pressed maiden, daughter of Sidon. Arise, pass over to 'the Chittians; there also shalt thou have no rest.' 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Behold the land of the Chaldeans; now this people is not. The Assyrians have founded it for the wild beasts of the desert. They have set up their watch-towers, they have laid bare its castles, and have brought it to ruin. Howl, ye ships of Tarshish; for your stronghold is laid waste. 13 14

And it shall come to pass in that day, that Tyre shall be forgotten for seventy years, according to the lifetime of one king. After the end of seventy years it shall be unto Tyre according to the Song of the Harlot; 15

'Take a harp, go about the city, 16
'Thou harlot that hast been forgotten;
'Make sweet melody, sing many songs,
'So that thou mayest be remembered.'

And it shall come to pass after the end of seventy years, that Jehovah will visit Tyre, and she shall return to her hire, and shall commit fornication with all the kingdoms 17

of the world upon the face of the earth. And her merchandise and her hire shall be holiness to Jehovah. It shall not be treasured nor laid up; for her merchandise shall be for them that dwell before Jehovah, to eat to their full, and for stately clothing.

1 BEHOLD, Jehovah emptieth the land, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the in-
2 habitants thereof. And it shall be, as with the people, so with the priest; as with the servant, so with his master; as with the maid, so with her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the lender, so with the borrower; as with the taker of usury, so with the giver of
3 usury to him. The land shall be utterly emptied, and utterly plundered; for Jehovah hath spoken this word.
4 The land mourneth and fadeth away, the world languisheth and fadeth away, the highest people of the land do languish.
5 The land also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws. They have changed
6 the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant. Therefore hath the curse devoured the land, and they that dwell therein are punished. Therefore the inhabitants of the land
7 are burned, and few men left. The grape juice mourneth,
8 the vine languisheth, all the merry-hearted do sigh. The mirth of timbrels hath ceased, the noise of them that re-
9 joice hath ended, the joy of the harp hath ceased. They shall not drink wine with a song; strong drink shall be
10 bitter to them that drink it. The city is broken down as a thing of nought; every house is shut up, that no man
11 may come in. There is a crying for wine in the streets;
12 all joy is darkened, the mirth of the land is gone. In the city is left desolation, and the gate is smitten unto ruin.

13 For thus it shall be in the midst of the land among the people, as at the shaking of an olive tree, and as at the
14 gleaning of grapes when the vintage is done; they shall lift up their voice, they shall sing for the majesty of Jeho-
15 vah, they shall cry aloud from the West. Therefore glorify ye Jehovah in the East, even the name of Jehovah the God of Israel in the isles of the sea.

16 From the uttermost part of the earth have we heard the song, 'Glory be to the righteous.' But I said, 'I am 'wretched, I am wretched, woe unto me! The treacherous 'dealers have dealt treacherously; yea, the treacherous

'dealers have dealt very treacherously.' Fear, and the pit, and the snare, are upon thee, O inhabitant of the land. And it shall come to pass, that he that fleeth from the noise of the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that cometh up out of the midst of the pit shall be taken in the snare; for the windows from on high are open, and the foundations of the earth do shake. The earth is utterly broken down, the earth is clean shattered to pieces, the earth is disturbed exceedingly. The earth reeleth to and fro like a drunkard, and is shaken about like a hut; and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it; and it shall fall, and not rise again.

And it shall come to pass in that day, that Jehovah will punish the host of the high ones that are on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth. And they shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered into the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days shall they be punished. Then the pale moon shall blush, and the sun's heat shall be ashamed, when Jehovah of hosts shall reign on mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his elders gloriously.

O Jehovah, thou art my God; I will exalt thee,
I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonders;
Thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.
For thou hast made of the city [Babylon] a heap;
Of the fenced city a ruin, a palace of strangers;
Of a city for ever, one not to be built up.
Therefore shall the strong people glorify thee,
The city of the nations that terrify shall fear thee.
For thou hast been a stronghold to the poor,
A stronghold to the needy in his distress,
A refuge from the storm, a shade from the heat,
When the blast of the terrible was as a storm against a wall.
Thou shalt humble the noise of the strangers,
As heat on a dry place, as heat by the shade of a cloud;
The song of the terrible ones shall be brought low.

And on this Mountain shall Jehovah of hosts make unto all the people a drinking feast of fat things, a drinking feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined. And he will destroy on this mountain the face of the covering that covereth over all the people, and the veil that is spread over all the nations. He

will wholly swallow up death; and the Lord Jehovah will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the reproach against his people will he take away from off all the earth; for Jehovah hath spoken it.

9 And it shall be said in that day, 'Lo, this is our God; 'we have waited for him, and he will save us; this is 'Jehovah; we have waited for him, we will be glad and will
0 'rejoice in his salvation.' For on this mountain shall the hand of Jehovah rest, and Moab shall be trodden down under him, even as straw is trodden down for the dunghill.
1 And he shall spread forth his hands in the midst of them, as he that swimmeth spreadeth them forth to swim. And [God] will bring down their pride together with the snares
2 of their hands. And the high fortress of thy walls will he bring down, lay low, and strike to the ground, even to the dust.

1 In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah;
Our city is strong; salvation maketh walls and ramparts.
2 Open ye the gates, that a nation may enter
Which is righteous and keepeth the truth.
3 A steadfast mind thou wilt keep in peace,
In peace, because it trusteth in thee.
4 Trust ye in Jehovah for ever and ever;
For in Jah-Jehovah is everlasting strength.
5 For he bringeth down them that dwell on high;
The lofty city he layeth low, he layeth low to the ground;
He striketh it even to the dust.
6 The foot shall tread it down,
Even the feet of the poor, and the steps of the needy.
7 The way of the just is uprightness;
Thou, most upright, makest smooth the path of the just;
8 Yea, in the way of thy judgments, O Jehovah,
We wait for thee; to thy Name,
And to the remembrance of thee, is our soul's desire.
9 With my soul have I desired thee in the night;
Yea, with my spirit within me I seek thee at daybreak;
For when thy judgments are on the earth,
The inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.
10 If favour be shewed to the wicked,
Yet will he not learn righteousness;
In the land of uprightness will he deal unjustly,
And will not fear the majesty of Jehovah.

O Jehovah, thine uplifted hand they will not see; 11
But they shall see, and be ashamed of envying the people;
Yea, fire upon thine enemies shall devour them.
O Jehovah, thou wilt ordain peace for us; 12
For thou also hast wrought all our works for us.
O Jehovah our God, other lords beside thee rule over us; 13
But by thee only will we make mention of thy name.
They are dead beings, they shall not live; 14
They are departed spirits, they shall not rise;
Therefore hast thou punished and wilt destroy them,
And thou wilt make all memory of them to perish.
Thou hast increased the nation, O Jehovah, 15
Thou hast increased the nation; thou art glorified;
Thou hast widened all the ends of the land.
O Jehovah, in trouble have they sought thee, 16
Whispering a prayer when thy chastening was on them.
As a woman with child, that is near to bringing forth, 17
Is in pain, and crieth out in her pangs;
So have we been in thy sight, O Jehovah.
We have been with child, we have been in pain, 18
We have as it were brought forth wind;
We have not wrought any deliverance to the land;
Neither have the inhabitants of the world fallen.
Thy dead ones will revive my dead body; 19
They arise; awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust;
For thy dew is as the dew of herbs,
And the earth shall cast out the departed spirits.
Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut 20
thy doors about thee. Hide thyself as it were for a little
moment, until the indignation be overpast. For, behold, 21
Jehovah cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants
of the earth for their iniquity. The earth also shall dis-
close her bloodshed, and shall no more cover her slain.
In that day Jehovah with his sore and great and strong 1
sword will punish the crocodile [or Egypt], the cowardly
serpent, even the crocodile that crooked serpent; and he
will slay the dragon that is in the sea.
In that day sing ye of the Pleasant Vineyard. 2
I Jehovah do keep it; I water it every moment; 3
Lest any hurt it, I will keep it night and day.
Fury is nothing against me. 4
Who would set a brier or thorn against me in battle?

I would march against it, I would burn them together.
5 Or let him hold to my strength, and make peace with me;
Let him make peace with me.
6 In days that are to come, Jacob shall take root; Israel
shall blossom and bud, and shall fill the face of the world
7 with fruit. Hath He smitten him, according to the smiting
of those that smote him? or is he slain according to the
8 slaughter of them that slew him? In moderation by cast-
ing it forth, thou dost chide it. He driveth it away by
9 his rough wind in the day of the east wind. By this there-
fore shall the iniquity of Jacob be purged, and this is all
the fruit of taking away his sin; when He maketh all the
stones of the altar as broken chalkstones, the groves of
Ashera and the Sun-images shall not stand up.
10 For the fenced city shall be desolate, and the habitation
forsaken, and left like the desert; there shall the calf feed,
and there shall it lie down, and consume the branches
11 thereof. When the boughs thereof are withered, they are
broken off; the women come, and set them on fire. For
it is a people of no understanding; therefore he that made
them will not have mercy on them, and he that formed
them will shew them no favour.
12 And it shall come to pass in that day, that Jehovah will
gather his fruit from the channel of the River [Euphrates],
unto the valley of Lower Egypt, and ye shall be gathered
one by one, O ye children of Israel.
13 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the great
trumpet shall be blown, and the wanderers in the land of
Assyria, and the outcasts in the land of Lower Egypt, shall
come and shall worship Jehovah on the holy mountain at
Jerusalem.

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1 WOE TO THE CROWN OF PRIDE, to the drunkards of
Ephraim, whose glorious beauty is a fading flower, which
is at the head of the fruitful valley of them that are over-
2 come with wine! Behold, the Lord hath a mighty and
strong one [Sennacherib], who as a tempest of hail and a
destroying storm, as a flood of mighty waters overflowing,
3 shall cast them down to the earth with his hand. The
crown of pride, the drunkards of Ephraim, shall be trodden
4 under feet; and the glorious beauty, which is at the head
of the fruitful valley, shall be a fading flower, and as the

early fruit before the summer; which when he that looketh upon it seeth, while it is yet in his hand he devoureth it.

In that day shall Jehovah of hosts be for a crown of 5
glory, and for a diadem of beauty, unto the residue of his
people, and for a spirit of judgment to him that sitteth in 6
judgment, and for strength to them that turn back the battle
at the city gate.

But they also have erred through wine, and through 7
strong drink they wander about; the priest and the pro-
phet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed
up by wine, they wander about by strong drink; they err
in their visions, they stumble in giving judgment. For all 8
tables are full of vomit and filthiness, so that there is no
place clean.

To whom will he teach knowledge? And whom will 9
he make to understand what he heareth? Them that are
weaned from the milk, and taken away from the breasts.
For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; 10
line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a
little. Truly with stammering lips and foreign tongue will 11
he speak to this people. To whom he said, 'This is the 12
'rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this
'is the refreshing;' yet they would not hear. But the 13
word of Jehovah was unto them precept upon precept,
precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line;
here a little, and there a little; so that they might go, and
fall backward, and be broken, and ensnared, and taken.

Therefore hear the word of Jehovah, ye scornful men, 14
that rule this people which is in Jerusalem. Because ye 15
have said, 'We have made a covenant with Death, and with
'Hell we have made an agreement; when the overflowing
'scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us.
'For we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood
'have we hidden ourselves.'

Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah, Behold, I lay in 16
Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious
corner stone, a sure foundation; he that believeth shall
not be made to flee.

Judgment also will I lay down by the line, 17
And righteousness by the plummet;
And the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies,
And the waters shall overflow the hiding place.

18 And your covenant with Death shall be annulled,
And your agreement with Hell shall not stand;
When the overflowing scourge shall pass through,
Then ye shall be trodden down by it.
19 As often as it passeth through, it shall take you;
For day after day it shall pass, by day and by night;
And only to understand the report shall be a vexation.
20 For the bed is too short for a man to stretch himself;
And the covering too narrow for him to wrap himself.
21 For Jehovah will rise up as on mount Perazim,
He will be wroth as in the valley of Gibeon,
That he may work his work, his strange work;
And do his doings, his foreign doings.
22 Now therefore be ye not mockers, lest your bonds be
made strong; for I have heard from the Lord Jehovah of
hosts of destruction being determined even against the whole
23 earth. Give ye ear, and hear my voice; hearken, and hear
24 my speech. Doth the plowman plow all day to sow? doth
25 he open and break up his ground? When he hath made
plain the face thereof, doth he not cast abroad the fitches,
and scatter the cummin, and cast the wheat in furrows,
and the barley in its fit place, and the rye in its ridges?
26 For his God doth instruct him unto discretion, and doth
27 teach him. For the fitches are not beaten with a thresh-
ing instrument, neither is a cart-wheel turned about upon
the cummin; but fitches are beaten out with a staff, and
28 cummin with a rod. Bread corn is to be ground; because
he will not be continually threshing it, or breaking it with
the wheel of his cart; nor will he grind it with his horse-
29 men. This also cometh forth from Jehovah of hosts, who
is wonderful in counsel, and excellent in purpose.

29 1 Woe to the Ariel-altar, the Ariel-altar [or hearth of
God] of the city where David dwelt! Add ye year to year;
2 let the solemn feasts go round. Yet I will distress the
Ariel-altar, and there shall be heaviness and sorrow; and
3 it shall be unto me as Ariel [or a hearth of God]. And I
will encamp against thee round about, and will lay siege
against thee with a mound, and I will raise forts against
4 thee. And thou shalt be brought down, and shalt speak
out of the ground, and thy speech shall be low out of the
dust, and thy voice shall be, as of a speaking bottle [or
ventriloquist], out of the ground, and thy speech shall chirp

out of the dust. Then the rabble of thy strangers shall be 5
like small dust, and the rabble of those that terrify shall be
as chaff that passeth away; yea, it shall come to pass at an
instant suddenly. Thou shalt be visited by Jehovah of 6
hosts with thunder, and with earthquake, and great noise,
with storm and tempest, and the flame of devouring fire.
And the rabble of all the nations that fight against Ariel, even 7
all that fight against her and her fortress, and that distress
her, shall be as a dream of a vision in the night. It shall 8
even be as when a hungry man dreameth, and, behold, he
eateth; but he awaketh, and his soul is empty; or as when
a thirsty man dreameth, and, behold, he drinketh; but he
awaketh, and, behold, he is faint, and his soul craveth; so
shall the rabble of all the nations be, that fight against
mount Zion.

Stay yourselves, and wonder; blind yourselves, and be 9
blind. They are drunken, but not with wine; they stagger,
but not with strong drink. For Jehovah hath poured out 10
upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your
eyes, namely the prophets; and your heads, namely the
seers of visions, hath he covered. And the whole vision 11
is become unto you as the words of a sealed book, which
men deliver to one that understandeth books, saying, 'Read
'this, I pray thee;' and he saith, 'I cannot; for it is sealed.'
And the book is delivered to one that understandeth not 12
books, saying, 'Read this, I pray thee;' and he saith, 'I
'understand not books.' Therefore the Lord said, Foras- 13
much as this people draw near me with their mouth, and
with their lips they do honour me, but have removed their
heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by
the precept of men; therefore, behold, I will again do a 14
marvellous work among this people, even a marvellous work
and a wonder; for the wisdom of their wise men shall
perish, and the understanding of their understanding men
shall be hidden.

Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from 15
Jehovah, and their works are in the dark, and they say,
'Who seeth us? and who knoweth us?' It is your per- 16
verseness if the potter is only esteemed as the clay; for
shall the work say of him that made it, 'He made me not'?
or shall the thing framed say of him that framed it, 'He
'had no understanding'?

17 Is it not yet less than a little while, and Lebanon shall
be turned into Carmel [or a fruitful field], and Carmel shall
18 be esteemed as the forest [of Lebanon]? And in that day
shall the deaf hear the words of the Book, and the eyes of
the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness.
19 The meek also shall increase their joy in Jehovah, and the
poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.
20 For the terrible one is brought to nought, and the scorner
is consumed, and all that watch for iniquity are cut off;
21 that treat a man as guilty for a word, and lay a snare for
him that reproveth at the city gate, and turn aside the
righteous for a thing of nought.
22 Therefore thus saith Jehovah, who redeemed Abraham,
concerning the house of Jacob; Jacob shall not now be
23 ashamed, neither shall his face now grow pale. But when
he seeth his children, the work of mine hands, in the midst
of him, they shall sanctify my name, and sanctify the Holy
24 One of Jacob, and shall dread the God of Israel. They
also that erred in spirit shall come to understanding, and
they that grumbled shall learn doctrine.

30 1 Woe to the rebellious children, Jehovah hath said it,
that take counsel, but not of me; and that pour out drink
offerings [or make treaties], but not of my spirit, so that
2 they may add sin to sin; that walk to go down into Egypt,
and have not asked at my mouth; to strengthen themselves
in the strength of Pharaoh, and to seek refuge in the
3 shadow of Egypt! Therefore shall the strength of Pharaoh
[Tirhakah] be your shame, and the seeking refuge in the
4 shadow of Egypt your confusion. For his princes were at
Zoan [or Tanis], and his messengers came to Hanes [or
5 Tahpanhes]. They were all ashamed of a people that could
not profit them, nor be a help nor profit, but a shame, and
also a reproach.
6 THE BURDEN OF THE BEASTS OF THE SOUTH COUNTRY [of
Judea]. Into a land of trouble and anguish, from whence
come the lioness and lion, the viper and fiery serpent
with wings, they carry their riches upon the shoulders of
young asses, and their treasures upon the bunches of camels,
7 to a people that shall not profit them. For Egypt is vanity,
and shall help to no purpose; therefore have I named it,
'The Boaster that sitteth still.'
8 NOW GO, WRITE IT before them on a tablet; and note it

in a book, that it may be for a future day for a testimony for ever; that this is a rebellious people, lying children, 9
children that will not hear the Law of Jehovah; who say 10
to the seers, 'See not;' and to the prophets, 'Prophesy
'not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things,
'prophesy deceits; get you out of the way, turn aside out 11
'of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from
'before us.' Wherefore thus saith the Holy One of Israel, 12
Because ye have refused this word, and trust in oppression
and perverseness, and lean thereon; therefore this iniquity 13
shall be to you as a breach ready to fall, swelling out in a
high wall, whose breaking cometh suddenly at an instant.
And He will break it as the breaking of the potters' vessel 14
that is broken in pieces. He will not spare; so that there
shall not be found in the bursting of it a sherd to take fire
with from the hearth, or to raise up water with out of the
cistern.

For thus said the Lord Jehovah, the Holy One of Israel; 15
'In returning and remaining shall ye be saved; in quiet-
'ness and in confidence shall be your strength.' But ye
would not. And ye said, 'No; for we will flee upon horses;' 16
therefore shall ye have to flee; and, 'We will ride upon the
'swift;' therefore shall they that pursue you be swift. One 17
thousand shall flee at the rebuke of one; at the rebuke of
five shall ye flee; till ye be left as a beacon upon the top
of a mountain, and as an ensign on a hill.

And therefore will Jehovah wait, that he may be gracious 18
unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may
have mercy upon you. For Jehovah is a God of judgment;
blessed are all they that wait for him. For thou, O people 19
that dwellest in Zion in Jerusalem, shalt weep no more.
He will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry.
When he shall hear it, he will answer thee. And the 20
Lord will give you bread in adversity, and water in afflic-
tion, nor shall thy teachers be hidden any more. But thine
eyes shall see thy teachers; and thine ears shall hear a 21
word behind thee, saying, 'This is the way, walk ye in it,'
when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the
left. Ye shall treat as unclean also the silver plating of 22
thy graven images, and the gold coating of thy molten
images; thou shalt cast them away as any thing filthy;
thou shalt say unto it, 'Get thee hence.' Then will He 23

give rain for thy seed, wherewith thou sowest the ground;
and bread, the increase of the earth; and it shall be fat and
plenteous. In that day shall thy cattle feed in large pas-
24 tures. The oxen likewise and the young asses that plow
the ground shall eat savoury provender, which hath been
25 winnowed with the fan and with the winnower. And there
shall be upon every high mountain, and upon every high
hill, rivers and streams of waters in the day of the great
26 slaughter, when the towers fall. Moreover the light of
the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of
the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in
the day that Jehovah bindeth up the breach of his people,
and healeth the stroke of their wound.

27 Behold, the name of Jehovah cometh from far, burning
with his anger, and the burden thereof is heavy. His lips
are full of indignation, and his tongue as a devouring fire.
28 And his breath is as an overflowing stream, which reacheth
up to the midst of the neck, to sift the nations with the
sieve of vanity. And there shall be a misleading bridle
29 in the jaws of the people. Ye shall have a song, as in the
night when a holy feast is kept; and gladness of heart, as
when one goeth with a pipe to come unto the mountain of
30 Jehovah, to the Rock of Israel. And Jehovah will cause
the glory of his voice to be heard, and the coming down of
his arm to be seen, with burning anger, and with the flame
of a devouring fire, with scattering, and tempest, and hail-
31 stones. For by the voice of Jehovah shall the Assyrian be
32 terrified. He will smite him with a rod. And every pass-
ing by of the appointed staff which Jehovah shall lay upon
him, shall be with timbrels and harps; and with the shock
33 of battles will he fight against him. For Tophet [or the
place of burning] was ordained of old; yea, for the king
[Sennacherib] it is prepared. He hath made the pile thereof
deep and large. There is fire and much wood; the breath
of Jehovah, like a stream of brimstone, will kindle it.

31 1 Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help; and rely
on horses, and trust in chariots, because they are many;
and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but they
2 look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek Jehovah!
Yet he also is wise, and will bring evil, and will not call
back his words; but will arise against the house of the evil-
doers, and against the help of them that work iniquity.

Now the Egyptians are men, and not God; and their horses flesh, and not spirit. And Jehovah will stretch out his hand, and he that helpeth shall stumble, and he that is helped shall fall down, and they all shall perish together. For thus hath Jehovah spoken unto me, Like as the lion and the young lion roaring on his prey, when a multitude of shepherds is called forth against him, he will not be afraid of their voice, nor be disheartened for the noise of them; so will Jehovah of hosts come down to fight for mount Zion, and for the hill thereof. As birds hovering about, so will Jehovah of hosts shield Jerusalem; shielding also he will deliver it; and passing over he will preserve it.

Turn ye unto him from whom ye have deeply revolted, O children of Israel. For in that day every man shall cast away his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which your own hands have made unto you for a sin. Then shall the Assyrian fall by the sword of one not a man; and the sword of one not a son of Adam shall devour him. But he shall flee from the sword, and his young men shall be put to tribute. And he shall pass by his Rock for fear, and his princes shall be afraid of the ensign; Jehovah hath said it, whose fire is in Zion, and his furnace in Jerusalem.

BEHOLD, A KING shall reign in righteousness, and rulers shall rule in judgment. And each shall be as a hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land. And the eyes of them that see shall not be dim, and the ears of them that hear shall hearken. The heart also of the rash shall understand knowledge, and the tongue of the stammerers shall be ready to speak plainly. The fool shall be no more called noble, nor the cheat be said to be bountiful. For the fool will speak foolishness, and his heart will work iniquity, to work profaneness, and to utter error against Jehovah, to make empty the soul of the hungry, and he will cause the drink of the thirsty to fail. The instruments also of the cheat are evil; he deviseth wicked devices to destroy the poor with lying words, even when the needy speaketh what is just. But the noble person deviseth noble things; and by noble things shall he stand.

Rise up, ye women that are at ease, hear my voice; ye

10 careless daughters, give ear unto my speech. A year and
some days shall ye be troubled, ye careless women; for the
vintage shall fail, the after-gathering shall not come.
11 Tremble, ye women that are at ease; be troubled, ye care-
less ones; strip you, and make yourselves bare, and girded
12 upon your loins; beating your breasts for the pleasant fields,
for the fruitful vine.
13 Upon the land of my people shall come up thorns and
briers; yea, upon all the houses of joy in the joyous city.
14 For the palaces are forsaken; the rabble of the city is left;
the [suburb] Ophel and its watch-towers shall be for dens
15 for ever, a joy of wild asses, a pasture of flocks; until the
spirit be poured upon us from on high.
Then shall the desert be a fruitful field, and the fruitful
16 field be counted for a forest. Then judgment shall dwell
in the desert, and righteousness remain in the fruitful field.
17 And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the
effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever.
18 And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in
19 sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places. But hail shall
hail down on the forest; and the city shall be low in a
20 low place. Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters, that
send forth thither the feet of the ox and the ass.

1 WOE TO THEE THAT OPPRESSEST, and thou wast not op-
pressed; and dealest treacherously, and they dealt not trea-
cherously with thee! When thou shalt cease to oppress,
thou shalt be oppressed; and when thou shalt make an end
of dealing treacherously, they shall deal treacherously with
thee.
2 O Jehovah, be gracious unto us; we have waited for thee;
be thou their arm every morning, our salvation also in the
3 time of trouble. At the noise of the tumult the peoples
fled; at the lifting up of thyself the nations were scattered.
4 And your plunder shall be gathered like the clean gathering
of the caterpillar; as the running to and fro of locusts
shall they run upon it.
5 Jehovah is exalted; for he dwelleth on high; he hath
6 filled Zion with judgment and righteousness. And he shall
be the stability of thy times, strength of salvation, wisdom
and knowledge; the fear of Jehovah, that is his treasure.
7 Behold, their valiant ones cry for help without; the mes-
8 sengers of peace weep bitterly. The highways lie waste,

the wayfaring man ceaseth. He hath broken the covenant,
he hath despised the cities, he regardeth no man. The 9
earth mourneth and languisheth; Lebanon is made ashamed
and withereth away; Sharon is like the Barren Valley; and
Bashan and Carmel are stripped of leaves.

Now will I arise, saith Jehovah; now will I be exalted; 10
now will I lift up myself. Ye shall conceive chaff, ye shall 11
bring forth stubble; your breath, as fire, shall devour you.
And the people shall be as the burnings of lime; as thorns 12
cut up shall they be burned in the fire.

Hear, ye that are far off, what I have done; and, ye that 13
are near, acknowledge my might. The sinners in Zion are 14
afraid; fear hath seized the ungodly. 'Who among us
'shall dwell with the devouring fire? Who among us shall
'dwell with everlasting burnings?' He that walketh in 15
righteousness, and speaketh uprightly; he that refuseth the
gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from taking
bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of bloodshed,
and shutteth his eyes from looking upon evil; he shall dwell 16
on high; his place of defence shall be castles upon rocks;
bread shall be given him; his waters shall be unfailing.
Thine eyes shall see the king in his beauty; they shall be- 17
hold the land that is very far off. Thine heart shall medi- 18
tate upon the terror. 'Where is the scribe? where is the
'weigher? where is he that counted the towers?' Thou 19
shalt not see the fierce people, a people of deeper speech
than thou canst understand; of a stammering tongue, not
to be understood. Look upon Zion, the city of our solemn 20
feasts; thine eyes shall see Jerusalem a quiet habitation, a
tent that shall not be taken down; not one of the tent-
pins thereof shall ever be pulled up, neither shall any of
the cords thereof be broken. For there will Jehovah be 21
mighty unto us, as a place of rivers and streams with wide
sides; wherein shall go no galley with oars, neither shall
mighty ship pass thereby. For Jehovah is our judge, Jeho- 22
vah is our lawgiver, Jehovah is our king; he will save us.

Thy tacklings are loosed; they do not strengthen the 23
support of the mast, they do not spread the sail. Then
was the prey of a great spoil divided; even the lame seized
upon the prey. And the inhabitant shall not say, 'I am 24
'sick;' the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven
their iniquity.

1 COME NEAR, YE NATIONS, to hear; and hearken, ye people;
let the earth hear, and the fulness thereof; the world, and
2 all things that come out of it. For the indignation of
Jehovah is upon all the Nations, and his wrath upon all
their armies; he hath devoted them, he hath delivered
3 them to the slaughter. Their slain also shall be cast out,
and their stink shall come up out of their carcases, and the
4 mountains shall be watered with their blood. And all the
host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be
rolled together as a book-roll; and all their host shall fall
down, as the leaf falleth from the vine, and as a falling fig
5 from the fig tree. For my sword shall be bathed in heaven;
behold, it shall come down upon Edom, and upon the
people of my curse, unto judgment.
6 The sword of Jehovah is filled with blood, it is made fat
with fatness, with the blood of lambs and goats, with the
fat of the kidneys of rams; for there is a sacrifice to Jeho-
vah in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Edom.
7 And the buffaloes [or Egyptians] shall come down with them,
and the bullocks with the bulls [or Syrians]; and their
land shall be bathed with blood, and their dust made fat
with fatness.
8 For it is the day of Jehovah's vengeance, and the year of
9 recompences in the controversy of Zion. And her [Baby-
lon's] streams shall be turned into pitch, and her dust into
brimstone, and the land thereof shall become burning pitch.
10 It shall not be quenched night or day; the smoke thereof
shall go up for ever; from generation to generation it shall
lie waste; none shall pass through it for ever and ever.
11 But the cormorant and the hedgehog shall possess it; the
heron also and the raven shall dwell in it; and he shall
stretch out upon it the measuring-line of confusion, and
12 the plummet-stone of emptiness. They shall call the
nobles thereof to the kingdom, but none shall be there, and
13 all her princes shall be nothing. And thorns shall come
up in her palaces, nettles and brambles in the fortresses
thereof; and it shall be a habitation of jackals, and a court-
14 yard for ostriches. The desert-beasts shall also meet with
the howling beasts, and the satyr shall cry to his mate; the
night-bird also shall settle there, and find for herself a place
15 of rest. There shall the arrow-snake make her nest, and
lay eggs, and hatch, and cherish them under her shadow;

there shall the vultures also be gathered together, every one with her mate.

Seek ye out of the Book of Jehovah, and read. No one 16
of these shall fail, none shall want her mate; for His mouth hath commanded it. And His spirit it hath gathered them; and he hath cast the lot for them, and his hand hath 17
divided it unto them by measuring-line; they shall possess it for ever, from generation to generation shall they dwell therein.

The desert and the land of drought shall be glad for 1
them; and the Arabah [or Barren Valley] shall rejoice, and blossom as the lily. It shall blossom abundantly, and 2
rejoice even with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellence of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of Jehovah, and the excellence of our God.

Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble 3
knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, 4
'fear not; behold, your God.' Vengeance will come, even God's recompence: he will come and save you.

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears 5
of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man 6
leap as a hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing; for in the desert shall waters break out, and streams in the Arabah [or Barren Valley]. And the heated sands shall become a 7
pool, and the thirsty land shall become springs of water; in the habitation where the jackals lay, shall be a place for reeds and rushes.

And a highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall 8
be called 'The way of holiness.' The unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those [the Israelites]. The wayfaring men, though fools, shall not go astray therein. No lion shall be there, nor ravenous beast shall go up 9
thereon; none shall be found there; but the redeemed ones shall walk there. And the ransomed of Jehovah shall re- 10
turn, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Now it came to pass in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah [B.C. 714], that Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the fenced cities of Judah, and took

them. And the king of Assyria sent Rabshakeh [or the chief butler] from Lachish to Jerusalem unto king Hezekiah with a great army. And he stood by the conduit of the Upper Pool in the highway of the fuller's field. Then came forth unto him Eliakim, the son of Hilkiah, who was over the House, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah, the son of Asaph, the recorder. And Rabshakeh said unto them, 'Say 'ye now to Hezekiah, Thus saith the Great King, the king 'of Assyria, What confidence is this wherein thou trustest? 'Thou spakest only words of the lips as counsel and strength 'for war. Now on whom dost thou trust, that thou rebellest 'against me? Lo, thou trustest on the staff of this broken 'reed, on Egypt; whereon if a man lean, it will go into his 'hand, and pierce it; so is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all 'that trust on him. But if thou say to me, We trust in 'Jehovah our God; is it not he, whose High Places and 'whose altars Hezekiah hath taken away? And he saith 'to Judah and to Jerusalem, Ye shall worship him before 'this altar. Now therefore give pledges, I pray thee, to 'my master the king of Assyria, and I will give thee two 'thousand horses, if thou be able on thy part to put chariots 'to them. How then wilt thou turn away the face of one 'Pasha [or governor] of the least of my master's servants, 'and put thy trust on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen? 'And am I now come up without Jehovah against this 'land to destroy it? Jehovah said unto me, Go up against 'this land, and destroy it.' Then said Eliakim and Shebna and Joah unto Rabshakeh, 'Speak, I pray thee, unto thy 'servants in the Syriac language; for we understand it. 'And speak not to us in the Jewish language, in the ears 'of the people that are on the wall.' But Rabshakeh said, 'Hath my master sent me to thy master and to thee to 'speak these words? Hath he not sent me to the men that 'sit upon the wall, that they may eat their own dung, and 'drink their own urine with you?' Then Rabshakeh stood, and cried with a loud voice in the Jewish language, and said, 'Hear ye the words of the Great King, the king of 'Assyria. Thus saith the king, Let not Hezekiah deceive 'you; for he shall not be able to deliver you. Neither let 'Hezekiah make you trust in Jehovah, saying, Jehovah 'will surely deliver us; this city shall not be delivered into 'the hand of the king of Assyria. Hearken not to Heze-

'kiah. For thus saith the king of Assyria, Make peace
'with me, and come out to me; and eat ye every one of
'his vine, and every one of his fig tree, and drink ye every
'one the waters of his own cistern; until I come and take 17
'you away to a land like your own land, a land of corn
'and grape juice, a land of bread and vineyards. Beware 18
'lest Hezekiah persuade you, saying, Jehovah will deliver
'us. Hath any of the gods of the nations delivered his
'land out of the hand of the king of Assyria? Where 19
'are the gods of Hamath and Arphad? Where are the
'gods of Sepharvaim? And have they delivered Samaria
'out of my hand? Who are they among all the gods of 20
'these lands, that have delivered their land out of my hand,
'that Jehovah should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand?'
But they held their peace, and answered him not a word; 21
for the king's command was, saying, 'Answer him not.'

Then came Eliakim, the son of Hilkiah, that was over 22
the House, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah, the son of
Asaph, the recorder, to Hezekiah with their clothes rent,
and told him the words of Rabshakeh. And it came to 1
pass, when king Hezekiah heard it, that he rent his clothes,
and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the
House of Jehovah. And he sent Eliakim, who was over 2
the House, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the
priests covered with sackcloth, unto Isaiah the prophet, the
son of Amoz. And they said unto him, 'Thus saith Heze- 3
'kiah, This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of
'scoffing; for the children are come to the birth, and there
'is not strength to bring forth. It may be Jehovah thy 4
'God will hear the words of Rabshakeh, whom the king
'of Assyria his master hath sent to reproach the living
'God, and will reprove the words which Jehovah thy God
'hath heard. Therefore lift up thy prayer for the remnant
'which is left.'

So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah. And 5
Isaiah said unto them, 'Thus shall ye say unto your master, 6
'Thus saith Jehovah, Be not afraid of the words that thou
'hast heard, wherewith the servants of the king of Assyria
'have blasphemed me. Behold, I will send a breath upon 7
'him, and he shall hear a rumour, and he will return to his
'own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in
'his own land.'

18 So Rabshakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah; for he had heard that he had
19 moved his camp from Lachish. And he heard say concerning Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, 'He is come forth to 'make war with thee.' And when he heard it, he sent
20 messengers to Hezekiah, saying, 'Thus shall ye speak to 'Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, Let not thy God, in 'whom thou trustest, deceive thee, saying, Jerusalem shall
21 'not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria. Behold, 'thou hast heard what the kings of Assyria have done to 'all lands by destroying them utterly; and shalt thou be
22 'delivered? Have the gods of the nations delivered them 'which my fathers have destroyed, as Gozan, and Haran, 'and Rezeph, and the children of Eden who were in Tel-
23 'ashar? Where is the king of Hamath, and the king of 'Arphad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, Hena, 'and Avah?'

24 And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it. And Hezekiah went up unto
25 the House of Jehovah, and spread it before Jehovah. And
26 Hezekiah prayed unto Jehovah, saying, 'O Jehovah of 'hosts, God of Israel, that dwellest between the cherubs, 'thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of 'the earth. Thou hast made the heavens and the earth.
27 'Bow down thine ear, O Jehovah, and hear; open thine 'eyes, O Jehovah, and see; and hear all the words of Sen-
28 'nacherib, who hath sent to reproach the living God. Of 'a truth, O Jehovah, the kings of Assyria have laid waste
29 'all the countries, and their lands, and have cast their gods 'into the fire. For they were no gods, but the work of 'men's hands, wood and stone; therefore they have de-
30 'stroyed them. Now therefore, O Jehovah our God, save 'us out of his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may 'know that thou art Jehovah, even thou only.'

31 Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent unto Hezekiah, saying, 'Thus saith Jehovah the God of Israel, Whereas thou
32 'hast prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria;
33 'this is the word which Jehovah hath spoken concerning 'him; The virgin, the daughter of Zion, despiseth thee, 'and laugheth thee to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem
34 'shaketh her head at thee. Whom hast thou reproached 'and blasphemed? and against whom hast thou exalted thy

'voice, and lifted up thine eyes on high? even against the
'Holy One of Israel. By the hand of thy servants hast 24
'thou reproached the Lord, and hast said, With the mul-
'titude of my chariots am I come up to the height of the
'mountains, to the sides of Lebanon; and I will cut down
'the tall cedars thereof, and the choice fir trees thereof; and
'I will enter into its remotest height, into the thicket of its
'garden [or Carmel]. I have digged, and have drunk up 25
'the water; and with the sole of my feet have I dried up
'all the canals of Lower Egypt.

'Hast thou not heard long ago, how I did it; and of 26
'ancient times, that I purposed it? Now have I brought
'it to pass, that it should be for you to lay waste fenced
'cities into ruinous heaps. Therefore their inhabitants 27
'were of small power, they were dismayed and confounded;
'they were as the grass of the field, and as the green herb,
'as the grass on the housetops, and as corn blasted before
'it be grown to stalk. But I know thy abode, and thy 28
'going out, and thy coming in, and thy rage against me.
'Because thy rage against me, and thy insolence, is come 29
'up to mine ears, therefore will I put my hook in thy nose,
'and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by
'the way by which thou camest.

'And this shall be a sign unto thee; ye shall eat this 30
'year such as groweth of itself; and the second year that
'which springeth from the same; and in the third year sow
'ye, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruit thereof.
'And the escaped of the house of Judah shall continue, the 31
'remnant shall take root downward, and bear fruit upward.
'For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and they 32
'that escape out of mount Zion. The zeal of Jehovah of
'hosts shall do this.

'Therefore thus saith Jehovah concerning the king of 33
'Assyria; He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an
'arrow there, nor come before it with shields, nor cast a
'siege-mound against it. By the way that he came, by the 34
'same shall he return, and shall not come into this city;
'Jehovah hath said it. For I will be a shield to this city 35
'to save it for mine own sake, and for my servant David's
'sake.' Then the angel of Jehovah went forth, and smote 36
in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred and fourscore and
five thousand; and when men rose early in the morning,

17 behold, they were all dead corpses. And Sennacherib king
of Assyria moved his camp, and went and returned, and
dwelt at Nineveh.

18 (And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house
of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his
sons smote him with the sword [in B.C. 683]; and they
escaped into the land of Ararat [or Armenia]; and Esar-
haddon his son reigned in his stead.)

1 In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And Isaiah
the prophet the son of Amoz came unto him, and said unto
him, 'Thus saith Jehovah, Set thy house in order; for
2 'thou shalt die, and not live.' Then Hezekiah turned his
3 face toward the wall, and prayed unto Jehovah, and said,
'Remember now, O Jehovah, I beseech thee, how I have
'walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and
'have done what is good in thy sight.' And Hezekiah wept
with a great weeping.

4 Then came the word of Jehovah to Isaiah, saying, Go,
5 and say to Hezekiah, 'Thus saith Jehovah, the God of
'David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen
'thy tears; behold, I will add unto thy days fifteen years.
6 'And I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of
'the king of Assyria; and I will be a shield to this city.
7 'And this shall be a sign unto thee from Jehovah, that
8 'Jehovah will do this thing that he hath spoken; behold,
'I will bring back the shadow of the dial, which is gone
'down on the sun dial of Ahaz, ten degrees backward.' So
the sun returned ten degrees, by which degrees it was gone
down.

9 THE WRITING OF HEZEKIAH king of Judah, when he had
10 been sick, and was recovered of his sickness.—I said,
'In the quiet of my days, I shall go to the gates of hell;
11 'I am deprived of the residue of my years.'—I said,
'I shall not behold Jah-Jah in the land of the living.
'With the dwellers in the grave, I shall see man no more.
12 'My habitation is departed,
'And is removed from me as a shepherd's tent.
'My life is ended; as a weaver he cutteth me from the loom;
'Between day and night thou makest an end of me.'
13 I meditated until morning,
That, as a lion, so will he break all my bones;
Between day and night wilt thou make an end of me.

Like a crane or a swallow, so did I chatter. 14
I mourned as a dove; my upward eyes failed, [saying,]
'O Jehovah, I am oppressed, deliver me.'—What say I now? 15
'He both promised me, and himself hath done it.
'I will go humbly all my years in bitterness of soul.'
O Lord, by these things men live, 16
And in all these things is the life of my spirit;
So wilt thou recover me, and make me to live.
Behold, my great bitterness is become peace; 17
Yea, thou didst long for my soul from the pit of nothingness,
For thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back.
For Hell cannot give thanks unto thee, 18
Death cannot celebrate thee;
They that go down into the Pit hope not for thy truth.
The living, the living, shall praise thee, as I do to-day; 19
The father to the children shall make known thy truth.
Jehovah hath saved me; therefore we will sing my songs 20
to stringed instruments all the days of our life in the house
of Jehovah. (For Isaiah had said, 'Let them take a cake 21
'of figs, and lay it for a plaister upon the boil, and he shall
'recover.' And Hezekiah had said, 'What is the sign that 22
'I shall go up to the house of Jehovah?')

AT THAT TIME Merodach-baladan, the son of Baladan, king 1
of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah; for he
had heard that he had been sick, and was recovered. And 2
Hezekiah was glad of them, and shewed them the house of
his spicery, the silver, and the gold, and the scents, and the
precious ointment, and all the house of his armour, and all
that was found in his treasures. There was nothing in his
house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah shewed them
not.

Then came Isaiah the prophet unto king Hezekiah, and 3
said unto him, 'What said these men? And from whence
'came they unto thee?' And Hezekiah said, 'They are
'come from a far country unto me, even from Babylon.'
Then said he, 'What have they seen in thy house?' And 4
Hezekiah answered, 'All that is in my house have they
'seen. There is nothing among my treasures that I have
'not shewed them.' Then said Isaiah to Hezekiah, 'Hear 5
'the word of Jehovah of hosts; Behold, days will come, 6
'that all that is in thy house, and that which thy fathers

'have laid up in store until this day, shall be carried to
7 'Babylon; nothing shall be left, saith Jehovah. And of
'thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget,
'shall they take away; and they shall be chamberlains in
8 'the palace of the king of Babylon.' Then said Hezekiah
to Isaiah, 'Good is the word of Jehovah which thou hast
'spoken.' He said moreover, 'For there shall be peace and
'truth in my days.'

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1 COMFORT YE, COMFORT YE my people, saith your God.
2 Speak ye to the heart of Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that
her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is par-
doned; for she hath received from Jehovah's hand double
for all her sins.
3 The voice of him that crieth in the desert, 'Prepare ye
'the way of Jehovah, make straight in the Barren Valley a
4 'highway for our God.' Every valley shall be exalted, and
every mountain and hill shall be made low; and the crooked
5 shall be made straight, and the rough places plain; and the
glory of Jehovah shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it
together; for the mouth of Jehovah hath spoken it.
6 The voice said, 'Cry.' And he said, 'What shall I cry?'
All flesh is grass, and all the goodness thereof is as the
7 flower of the field; the grass withereth, the flower fadeth,
when the breath of Jehovah bloweth upon it; surely the
8 people is grass. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth;
but the word of our God shall stand for ever.
9 Get thee up into the high mountain, O thou that bringest
good tidings to Zion; lift up thy voice with strength, O
thou that bringest good tidings to Jerusalem; lift it up, be
not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, 'Behold your God!'
10 Behold, the Lord Jehovah will come with might, and his
arm shall rule for him; behold, his reward is with him, and
11 his recompence for work is before him. He will feed his
flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs with his
arm, and carry them in his bosom, and will gently lead
those that are with young.
12 Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand,
and meted out the heavens with the span, and gathered
up the dust of the earth within a measure, and weighed
13 the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance? Who

hath directed the spirit of Jehovah, or being his counsellor hath taught him? With whom took he counsel, and who instructed him, and taught him in the path of judgment, and taught him knowledge, and shewed to him the way of understanding? 14

Behold, the nations are as a drop of the bucket, and are counted as the dust of the balance. Behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing. And Lebanon is not sufficient to burn, nor the wild beasts thereof sufficient for a burnt offering. All the nations are as nothing before him; and they are counted by him as less than nothing, and vanity. 15 16 17

To whom then will ye liken God? or what likeness will ye make for him? The workman melteth a graven image, and the metal-founder spreadeth it over with gold, and casteth silver chains. He that is poor in respect to his heave offering chooseth a tree that will not rot; he seeketh unto him a cunning workman to prepare a graven image, that will not fall down. 18 19 20

Have ye not known? Have ye not heard? Hath it not been told you from the beginning? Have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is He that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; He that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in; He that bringeth the princes to nothing; He that maketh the judges of the earth as vanity. Yea, they are not yet planted; yea, they are not yet sown; yea, their stock hath not yet taken root in the earth; and he will also blow upon them, and they shall wither, and the whirlwind shall take them away as chaff. 21 22 23 24

'To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal?' saith the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high, and see who hath created these things. When he bringeth out their host by number, he calleth them all by names; by the greatness of his might, and his strong power, not one faileth. 25 26

Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O Israel, 'My 'way is hidden from Jehovah, and my rights are passed 'away from my God'? Hast thou not known, hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, Jehovah, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? 27 28

29 There is no searching out his understanding. He giveth
power to the faint; and to them that have no might he
increaseth strength.
30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young
31 men shall utterly fall; but they that wait upon Jehovah
shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings
as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they
shall walk, and not faint.
1 KEEP SILENCE BEFORE ME, O islands; and let the people
renew their strength; let them come near; then let them
2 speak; let us draw near together to judgment. Who hath
raised up the righteous man [Cyrus] from the East, hath
called him to be his follower, hath given up the nations
before him, and made him rule over kings? He hath given
them as the dust to his sword, and as driven chaff to his bow.
3 He pursued them, and passed safely; even by the way that
4 he had not gone with his feet. Who hath worked and done
it, calling the generations from the beginning? I Jehovah,
5 who am the first, and with the last; I am he. The isles
saw it, and were afraid; the ends of the earth trembled;
they drew near and came.

—[These few lines should follow xl. 19].—

6 Every one helpeth his neighbour; and every one saith
7 to his brother, 'Be of good courage.' So the carpenter en-
courageth the metal-founder, and he that smootheth with
the hammer him that smiteth the anvil, saying, 'It is ready
'for the sodering;' and he fasteneth it with nails, that it
should not fall down.

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8 But thou, Israel, art my servant, Jacob whom I have
9 chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend; thou whom I have
taken from the ends of the earth, and called thee from the
extremities thereof, and said unto thee, 'Thou art my ser-
0 'vant; I have chosen thee, and not cast thee away.' Fear
thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am
thy God. I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee;
yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my right-
eousness.
1 Behold, all they that were incensed against thee shall be
ashamed and confounded; they shall be as nothing; and
2 the men that strive with thee shall perish. Thou shalt
seek them, and shalt not find them, even the men that con-

tended with thee. The men that war against thee shall be as nothing, and as a thing of nought. For I Jehovah thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, 'Fear not; 'I will help thee.' 13

Fear not, thou worm Jacob, ye men of Israel; I will help thee, Jehovah, and thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel hath said it. 14

Behold, I will make thee to be a new threshing instrument, cutting and having teeth; thou shalt thresh the mountains, and shalt beat them small, and shalt make the hills as chaff. Thou shalt fan them, and the wind shall carry them away, and the whirlwind shall scatter them; and thou shalt rejoice in Jehovah, and shalt glory in the Holy One of Israel. 15 16

The poor and needy are seeking for water, and there is none, and their tongue is parched with thirst; but I Jehovah will answer them, the God of Israel will not forsake them. I will open rivers on the bare heights, and fountains in the midst of the valleys; I will make the desert to be a pool of water, and the dry land to be springs of water. I will plant in the desert the cedar, the acacia tree, and the myrtle, and the olive tree; I will set in the barren valley the fir tree, the pine, and the box tree together; so that men may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of Jehovah hath done this, and the Holy One of Israel hath created it. 17 18 19 20

Produce your cause, saith Jehovah; bring forth your defence, saith the King of Jacob. Let them bring it forth, and shew us what will happen. Let them shew the former things, what they are, that we may consider, and know the latter end of them; or declare to us what is coming. Shew the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that ye are gods. Yea, make good, or make evil, that we may be dismayed, and behold it together. Behold, ye are of nothing, and your work is of nought; an abomination is he that chooseth you. 21 22 23 24

I HAVE RAISED UP one [Cyrus] from the north, and he cometh; from the rising of the sun he calleth upon my name. And he shall come upon princes as upon mortar, and as the potter treadeth the clay. Who declared this from the beginning, that we might know? and beforetime, that we might say, 'It is right'? Yea, there was none that 25 26

shewed it; yea, there was none that declared it; yea, there
27 was none that heard your words. I first said to Zion, 'Be-
'hold, behold them; and I will give to Jerusalem one
28 'that bringeth good tidings.' For I beheld, and there was
no man; even among them, and there was no counsellor,
29 that, when I asked of them, could answer a word. Behold,
they are all vanity; their works are nothing; their molten
images are wind and confusion.

1 Behold my servant, whom I uphold; my chosen one, in
whom my soul delighteth. I have put my spirit upon him;
2 he shall bring forth judgment upon the Nations. He shall
not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard abroad.
3 A bruised reed shall he not break, and the dimly burning
flax shall he not quench; he shall bring forth judgment
4 unto truth. He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he
have set up judgment on the earth; and the Isles shall wait
for his law.

5 Thus saith the God Jehovah, he that created the heavens,
and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and
its offspring; he that giveth breath unto the people upon
6 it, and spirit to them that walk thereon; I Jehovah have
called thee in righteousness, and I will hold thine hand,
and will guard thee, and give thee for a covenant to the
7 People, for a light to the Nations; to open the blind eyes,
to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that
8 sit in darkness out of the prison house. I am Jehovah;
that is my name; and my glory will I not give to another,
9 neither my praise to graven images. Behold, the former
things are come to pass, and new things do I declare;
before they spring forth I tell you of them.

10 Sing ye unto Jehovah a new song, and his praise from
the end of the earth, ye that go down to the sea, and all
11 that is therein; the isles, and the inhabitants thereof. Let
the desert and the cities thereof lift up a voice, the villages
that Kedar doth inhabit; let the inhabitants of Selah [or
Petra] sing, let them shout from the top of the mountains.
12 Let them give glory unto Jehovah, and declare his praise
13 in the islands. Jehovah goeth forth as a mighty man, he
stirreth up jealousy like a man of war; he will cry out, yea,
he will shout; he will prevail against his enemies.

14 I have for a long time held my peace; I have been still,
and restrained myself. Now I cry aloud like a travailing

woman; I will at once both destroy and devour. I will 15
make waste the mountains and hills, and dry up all their
herbs; and I will make the rivers to become islands, and
I will dry up the pools. And I will bring the blind by a 16
way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that
they have not known; I will make darkness to become light
before them, and crooked things to become straight. These
things will I do unto them, and I will not forsake them.

They shall be turned back, they shall be greatly ashamed, 17
that trust in graven images, that say to the molten images,
'Ye are our gods.' Hear, ye deaf; and look, ye blind, that 18
ye may see. Who is blind, but my servant? or so deaf as 19
my messenger that I sent? Who is so blind as my friend,
and so blind as Jehovah's servant? Seeing many things, 20
but thou observest not; opening the ears, but he heareth
not.

Jehovah is well pleased for his righteousness' sake; he 21
magnifieth the Law, and maketh it honourable. But this 22
is a people robbed and plundered; they are all of them
ensnared in holes, and they are hidden in prison houses.
They are become a prey, and none delivereth; a spoil, and
none saith, 'Restore.'

Who among you will give ear to this? Who will hearken 23
and hear for the time to come? Who gave Jacob for a 24
spoil, and Israel to the robbers? Was it not Jehovah, he
against whom we have sinned? For they would not walk
in his ways, neither were they obedient unto his Law.
Therefore he hath poured upon him the wrath of his anger, 25
and the strength of the battle. And it hath set him on
fire round about, yet he knew it not; and it burned him,
yet he laid it not to heart.

But now thus saith Jehovah that created thee, O Jacob, 1
and he that formed thee, O Israel. Fear not; for I have
redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art
mine. When thou passest through the waters, I will be 2
with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow
thee. When thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not
be scorched; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.
For I Jehovah am thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy 3
Saviour. I have given Egypt for thy ransom, Ethiopia and
Seba [or Meroë] in place of thee. Since thou art precious 4
in my sight, thou hast been honourable, and I have loved

thee. Therefore I will give men for thee, and people for thy life.

5 Fear not; for I am with thee. I will bring thy seed
6 from the east, and gather thee from the west; I will say to the north, 'Give up;' and to the south, 'Keep not back. 'Bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends
7 'of the earth; even every one that is called by my name.' For I created him for my glory, I formed him; yea, I made him.

8 Bring forth the blind people, and they shall have eyes,
9 and the deaf, and they shall have ears. Let all the Nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled. Who among them can declare this, and shew us the former things? Let them bring forth their witnesses, that they may be justified; and let men hear, and say, 'It is true.'

10 Ye are my witnesses, Jehovah hath said it, and my servant whom I have chosen, that ye may know and believe me, and may understand that I am He. Before me there
11 was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. I, even
12 I, am Jehovah; and beside me there is no saviour. I have declared it, and have saved, and I have made it known, when there was no strange god among you. Therefore ye are my witnesses, Jehovah hath said it, that I am God.
13 Yea, before the day was I was He; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand. I will work, and who shall undo it?

14 Thus saith Jehovah, your redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; For your sake I have sent to Babylon, and have brought down all their fugitives, and the Chaldeans, into
15 the ships of their delight. I am Jehovah, your Holy One, the creator of Israel, and your King.

16 Thus saith Jehovah, he who maketh a way in the sea,
17 and a path in the mighty waters; who bringeth forth the chariot and horse, the army and the strong ones together; They shall lie down, they shall not rise; they are extinguished, they are quenched as tow.

18 Remember ye not the former things, neither consider
19 the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even
20 make a way in the desert, and rivers in the wilderness. The wild beasts of the field shall honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; because I give waters in the desert, and

rivers in the wilderness, to give drink to my people, my chosen ones. This people have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my praise. 21

But thou hast not called upon me, O Jacob; for thou hast been weary of me, O Israel. Thou hast not brought me the lamb or kid of thy burnt offerings; neither hast thou honoured me with thy sacrifices. I have not burdened thee with meal offerings, nor wearied thee with incense. Thou hast bought me no sweet cane with money, neither hast thou moistened me with the fat of thy sacrifices; but thou hast burdened me with thy sins, thou hast wearied me with thine iniquities. I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and I will not remember thy sins. 22 23 24 25

Put me in remembrance; let us plead together; declare thou, that thou mayest be justified. Thy first father sinned, and thy teachers have transgressed against me. Therefore I profaned the princes of the Holy Place, and gave up Jacob to the curse, and Israel to reproaches. 26 27 28

Yet now hear, O Jacob my servant; and Israel, whom I have chosen; thus saith Jehovah that made thee, and formed thee from the womb, who will help thee; Fear not, O Jacob, my servant; and thou, Jesurun [or Israel], whom I have chosen. For I will pour water upon the thirsty land, and floods upon the dry ground; I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring. And they shall spring up as among the grass, as willows by the water-courses. One shall say, I am Jehovah's; and another shall call himself by the name of Jacob; and another shall subscribe with his hand unto Jehovah, and surname himself by the name of Israel. 1 2 3 4 5

THUS SAITH JEHOVAH the King of Israel, and his redeemer, Jehovah of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God. And who, as I, will proclaim and will declare it, and will set it in order for me, since I appointed the ancient people? Then let them shew to them the things that are coming, and shall come. Fear ye not, neither be afraid; have not I told thee from that time, and have declared it? Ye are even my witnesses. Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no Rock; I know not any. 6 7 8

They that make a graven image are all of them vanity; and their desirable things shall not profit; and they are 9

their own witnesses; they see not, nor know; so that they
10 are ashamed. Who hath formed a god? And a graven
11 image or a molten image is profitable for nothing. Behold, all his fellows shall be ashamed; and the workmen, they are of mankind. Let them all be gathered together, let them stand up; yet they shall fear, and they shall be
12 ashamed together. One forgeth iron into an axe, he worketh in the coals, and fashioneth it with hammers, and worketh it with the strength of his arms; yea, he becometh hungry, and his strength faileth; he drinketh no water, and is faint.
13 The worker in wood stretcheth out his line; he marketh it out with an awl; he shapeth it with planes, and he marketh it out with the compasses, and maketh it after the figure of a man, according to the beauty of a man; that it may dwell in a house.
14 One heweth him down cedars, and taketh the ilex and the oak, which he strengtheneth for himself among the trees of the forest; he planteth an ash, and the rain doth
15 nourish it. Then shall it be for a man to burn; for he will take some thereof, and warm himself; yea, he kindleth it, and baketh bread; yea, he maketh a god, and worshippeth it; he maketh it a graven image, and falleth down
16 thereto. He burneth half thereof in the fire; thus with half thereof he eateth flesh; he roasteth roast, and is satisfied; yea, he warmeth himself, and saith, 'Aha, I am warm,
17 'I have seen the fire;' and of what remains of it he maketh a god, even his graven image. He falleth down unto it, and worshippeth it, and prayeth unto it, and saith, 'Deliver 'me; for thou art my god.'
18 They have not known nor understood; for he hath shut their eyes, that they cannot see; and their hearts, that they
19 cannot understand. And none considereth in his heart, neither is there knowledge nor understanding to say, 'I 'have burned half of it in the fire; yea, also I have baked 'bread upon the coals thereof; I have roasted flesh, and 'eaten it; and shall I make the residue thereof an abomi-
20 'nation? shall I fall down before the stock of a tree?' He feedeth on ashes; a deceived heart hath turned him aside; he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, 'Is there not a lie in 'my right hand?'
21 Remember these things, O Jacob and Israel; for thou art my servant, I have formed thee; thou art my servant,

O Israel, thou shalt not be forgotten by me. I have wiped 22
away, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud,
thy sins. Return unto me; for I have redeemed thee.

(Sing, O ye heavens; for Jehovah hath done it; shout, 23
ye lower parts of the earth; break forth into singing, ye
mountains, O forest, and every tree therein; for Jehovah
hath redeemed Jacob, and he glorifieth himself in Israel.)

Thus saith Jehovah, thy redeemer, and he that formed 24
thee from the womb, I am Jehovah that made all things;
that alone stretched forth the heavens; that spread abroad
the earth by myself; that maketh vain the signs of the 25
liars, and maketh the diviners foolish; that turneth wise
men backward, and maketh their knowledge vain; that 26
confirmeth the word of his servant, and performeth the
counsel of his messengers; that saith to Jerusalem, 'Thou
'shalt be inhabited;' and to the cities of Judah, 'Ye shall
'be built up, and I will raise up the decayed places thereof;'
that saith to the deep, 'Be dry, and I will dry up thy 27
'rivers;' that saith of Cyrus, 'He is my shepherd, and he 28
'shall perform all my pleasure;' even saying to Jerusalem,
'Thou shalt be built;' and to the temple, 'Thy foundation
'shall be laid.'

Thus saith Jehovah to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right 1
hand I have strengthened, to subdue nations before him;
and I will loosen the loins of kings, to open before him
the double doors; and the gates shall not be shut; I will 2
go before thee, and make the crooked places straight; I
will break in pieces the doors of copper, and cut asunder
the bars of iron. And I will give thee the treasures of 3
darkness, and the hidden riches of secret places, so that
thou mayest know that I, Jehovah, who call thee by thy
name, am the God of Israel.

For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel my chosen one, 4
I have even called thee by thy name; I have surnamed
thee, though thou hast not known me. I am Jehovah, and 5
there is none else, there is no God beside me. I girded
thee, though thou hast not known me; that they may 6
know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that
there is none beside me. I am Jehovah, and there is none
else. I form the light, and create darkness; I make safety, 7
and I create misfortune; I Jehovah do all these things.

Distil down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies 8

pour down righteousness; let the earth open, and let them bear the fruit of salvation, and let righteousness sprout forth together; I Jehovah have created it.

9 Woe unto him that striveth with his Maker, a potsherd of the potsherds of the earth! Shall the clay say to him that shapeth it, 'What makest thou?' or thy work say,
10 'He hath no hands'? Woe unto him that saith unto his father, 'What begettest thou?' or to the woman, 'What 'hast thou brought forth?'
11 Thus saith Jehovah, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Shall the things to come ask of me concerning my sons? and do ye command me concerning the work of my
12 hands? I made the earth, and created man upon it. I, even my hands, stretched out the heavens, and all their
13 host I commanded. I have raised up him [Cyrus] in righteousness, and I will direct all his ways; he shall build my city, and he shall let go my captives, not for price nor reward, saith Jehovah of hosts.

14 Thus saith Jehovah, The labour of Egypt, and the merchandise of Ethiopia, and the men of Seba [or Meroë], men of stature, shall come over unto thee, and they shall be thine. They shall come after thee; in chains they shall come over, and they shall fall down unto thee, they shall make supplication unto thee, [saying,] 'Surely God is with 'thee; and there is none else, there is no other God.'
15 (Verily thou art a God that hidest thyself, O God of
16 Israel, the Saviour. They shall be ashamed, and also confounded, all of them together; the makers of idols shall go to confusion.)
17 Israel shall be saved by Jehovah with an everlasting salvation; ye shall not be ashamed, ye shall not be confounded
18 for ever and ever. For thus saith Jehovah who created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he hath not created it in vain, he formed it to be inhabited; I am Jehovah; and there is
19 none else. I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth. I said not unto the seed of Jacob, 'Seek ye 'me,' in vain. I Jehovah speak righteousness, I declare the things that are right.

20 Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, ye that are escaped of the Nations. They have no knowledge

that carry the wood of their graven image, and pray unto
a god that cannot save. Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, 21
let them take counsel together; who hath declared this
from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? Have
not I Jehovah? And there is no God else beside me; a
just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me.

Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth; 22
for I am God, and there is none else. I have sworn by 23
myself, the truth is gone out of my mouth, the word, and
it shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow,
every tongue shall swear. Surely, shall one say, in Jeho- 24
vah have I righteousness and strength; even to him shall
men come; and all that are incensed against him shall be
ashamed. All the seed of Israel shall be justified, and shall 25
glory in Jehovah.

Bel boweth down, Nebo stoopeth, their idols are upon 1
the beasts, and upon the cattle. What were your burdens
are loaded on as a burden to the weary beast. They stoop, 2
they bow down together; they cannot rescue the burden,
but themselves are gone into captivity.

Hearken unto me, O house of Jacob, and all the remnant 3
of the house of Israel, who have been a load upon me from
the birth, who have been a burden from the womb. And 4
even to your old age I shall be He; and even to hoary
hairs will I carry you; I have made, and I will bear; even
I will carry, and will rescue you.

To whom will ye liken me, and make me equal, and 5
compare me, that we may be like? They lavish gold out 6
of the bag, and weigh silver in the balance; they hire a
metal-founder, and he maketh it into a god; they fall
down, yea, they worship it. They bear it upon the shoulder,
they carry it, and set it in its place, and it standeth; from
its place shall it not remove. Yea, a man shall cry unto
it, yet can it not answer, nor save him out of his trouble.

Remember this, and shew yourselves men; bring it again
to mind, O ye transgressors. Remember the former things
of old; for I am God, and there is none else; I am God,
and there is none like me, declaring the end from the be- 10
ginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet
done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will do all
'my pleasure;' calling a bird of prey [Cyrus] from the east, 11

the man that executeth my counsel from a far country. Yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it.

12 Hearken unto me, ye proud of heart, ye that are far from
13 righteousness. I bring near my righteousness; it shall not be far off, and my salvation, it shall not tarry. And I will place salvation in Zion for Israel my glory.

1 Come down, and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon; sit on the ground where there is no throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans; for thou shalt no more be
2 called tender and delicate. Take a hand-mill, and grind meal; lift up thy veil, hold up thy skirts, uncover the leg,
3 pass over the rivers. Thy nakedness shall be uncovered, yea, thy shame shall be seen. I will take vengeance, and
4 I will make peace with no man. Our redeemer is Jehovah of hosts; his name is the Holy One of Israel.

5 Sit thou silent, and get thee into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans; for thou shalt no more be called, The
6 mistress of kingdoms. I was wroth with my people, I polluted mine inheritance, and gave them into thine hand. Thou didst shew them no mercy; upon the aged hast thou
7 very heavily laid thy yoke. And thou saidst, 'I shall be 'mistress for ever;' thou didst not lay these things to thy heart, neither didst remember the latter end of it.

8 Therefore hear now this, thou that art given to pleasures, thou that dwellest as if in safety, that sayest in thine heart, 'I am she, and there is none else beside me; I shall 'not sit as a widow, neither shall I know the loss of chil-
9 'dren.' But these two things shall come to thee in a moment on one day, the loss of children and widowhood. They shall come upon thee in full measure for the multitude of thy sorceries, and for the great abundance of thine
10 enchantments. For thou hast trusted in thy wickedness; thou hast said, 'None seeth me.' Thy wisdom and thy knowledge, it hath perverted thee; and thou hast said in thine heart, 'I am she, and there is none else beside me.'
11 Therefore shall evil come upon thee; thou shalt not know its dawning; and mischief shall fall upon thee; thou shalt not be able to put it off; and desolation shall come upon thee suddenly, which thou shalt not know.

12 Stand up now with thine enchantments, and with the multitude of thy sorceries, wherein thou hast laboured from

thy youth; if so be thou shalt be able to be of use, if so
be thou mayest terrify. Thou art wearied in the multi- 13
tude of thy counsels. Let now those who divide out the
heavens, those who gaze on the stars, those who understand
the moon's changes, let them stand up, and save thee from
the things that are coming upon thee. Behold, they are 14
as stubble; the fire shall burn them; they shall not deliver
themselves from the power of the flame. It shall not be
a coal to warm at, nor a light to sit before it. Thus shall 15
they be unto thee with whom thou hast laboured, those
with whom thou hast traded from thy youth; they shall
wander every one to his own quarter; none shall save
thee.

HEAR YE THIS, O house of Jacob, ye who are called by 1
the name of Israel, and are come forth out of the waters
of Judah, who swear by the name of Jehovah, and make
mention of the God of Israel, but not in truth, nor in
righteousness. For they call themselves of the Holy City, 2
and lean upon the God of Israel; Jehovah of hosts is his
name.

I declared the former things from the beginning; and 3
they went forth out of my mouth, and I shewed them; I
did them suddenly, and they came to pass. Because I 4
knew that thou art stubborn, and thy neck is an iron sinew,
and thy forehead is copper. Even from the beginning I 5
declared it to thee; before it came to pass I shewed it thee;
lest thou shouldest say, 'Mine idol hath done these things,
and my graven image, and my molten image, hath com-
manded them.'

Thou hast heard, thou hast seen all this; and will not 6
ye declare it? I have shewed thee new things from this
time, even hidden things, and thou didst not know them.
They are created now, and not from the beginning; even 7
before this day, and thou heardest them not; lest thou
shouldest say, 'Behold, I knew them.' Yea, thou heardest 8
not; yea, thou knewest not; yea, at that time thine ear
was not opened; for I knew that thou wouldest deal very
treacherously, and thou wast called a transgressor from the
womb.

For my name's sake will I delay mine anger, and my 9
glory will I keep back for thy sake, that I cut thee not off.
Behold, I have refined thee, but not unto being silver; I 10

11 have proved thee in the furnace of affliction. For mine
own sake, for mine own sake, will I do it; for how should
[my name] be profaned? and I will not give my glory unto
another.
12 Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; I am
13 He; I am the first, I also am the last. Mine hand also
laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand spread
out the heavens; when I call unto them, they stand up
14 together. All ye, assemble yourselves, and hear; which
among them hath declared these things? Jehovah hath
loved him [Cyrus]. He will do his pleasure on Babylon,
15 and his arm shall be on the Chaldeans. I, even I, have
spoken; yea, I have called him; I have brought him, and
he shall prosper on his way.
16 COME YE NEAR unto me, hear ye this; I have not spoken
in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was,
there was I; and now the Lord Jehovah hath sent me with
17 his spirit. Thus saith Jehovah, thy redeemer, the Holy One
of Israel; I am Jehovah thy God who teacheth thee to be of
use, who leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go.
18 O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then
had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the
19 waves of the sea. Thy seed also had been as the sand, and
the offspring of thy bowels like that of its bowels; his
name should not have been cut off nor destroyed from
before me.
20 Go ye forth from Babylon, flee ye from the Chaldeans,
with a voice of singing declare ye, tell this, utter it to the
ends of the earth; say ye, 'Jehovah hath redeemed his
21 'servant Jacob.' And they thirsted not when he led them
through the deserts; he poured waters out of the rock for
them; he clave the rock also, and the waters gushed out.
22 There is no peace, saith Jehovah, unto the wicked.
1 LISTEN, O ISLES, unto me; and hearken, ye people, from
far; Jehovah hath called me from the womb; from the
bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name.
2 And he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the
shadow of his hand hath he hid me, and made me to be a
3 polished arrow; in his quiver hath he hid me. And he said
unto me, 'Thou art my servant, O Israel, in whom I will
4 'be glorified.' Then I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I
'have spent my strength for nought, and in vain; yet surely

'the judgment on me is with Jehovah, and the reward of
'my work with my God.'

And now, said Jehovah, who formed me from the womb 5
to be his servant, to bring back Jacob again to him, that
Israel might be gathered to him, and I might be glorious
in the eyes of Jehovah, and my God might be my strength;
and he said, 'It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my 6
'servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to bring back
'the preserved of Israel. I will also give thee for a light
'to the Nations, that thou mayest be my salvation unto
'the ends of the earth.'

Thus saith Jehovah, the Redeemer of Israel, and his 7
Holy One, to him whom man despiseth, to him whom the
nation abhorreth, to a servant of rulers, 'Kings shall see
'and arise, princes also shall worship him, because of Jeho-
'vah who is faithful, and the Holy One of Israel; and he
'chooseth thee.'

Thus saith Jehovah; In an acceptable time have I an- 8
swered thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee;
and I will guard thee, and give thee for a covenant of the
people, to establish the earth, to cause the desolate heri-
tages to be inherited; that thou mayest say to the pri- 9
soners, 'Go forth;' to them that are in darkness, 'Shew
'yourselves.' They shall be fed in the ways, and shall find
pastures on all the bare heights. They shall not hunger 10
nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor the sun smite them;
for He that hath mercy on them will lead them, even by
the springs of water will he guide them. And I will make 11
all my mountains to be a path, and my highways shall be
exalted. Behold, some shall come from far; and, lo, some 12
from the north and from the west; and some from the land
of the Sinites [or Chinese].

(Sing, O heavens, and be joyful, O earth; and break 13
forth into singing, O mountains; for Jehovah hath com-
forted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted
ones.)

But Zion saith, 'Jehovah hath forsaken me, and my 14
'Lord hath forgotten me.' Can a woman forget her suck- 15
ing child, and not have compassion on the son of her
womb? Yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee.
Behold, I have engraven thee upon the palms of my hands; 16
thy walls are continually before me. Thy children shall 17

make haste; thy destroyers and thy desolators shall go forth from thee.

18 Lift up thine eyes round about, and behold; all these gather themselves together, and come to thee. As I live, Jehovah hath said it, thou shalt surely clothe thee with them all, as with an ornament, and bind them on thee, as
19 a bride doth. For thy waste and thy desolate places, and thy ruined land, shall even now be too narrow for its inhabitants, and they that swallowed thee up shall be far away.
20 The children which thou hadst lost shall say again in thine ears, 'The place is too narrow for me; draw near to me that
21 'I may dwell.' Then shalt thou say in thine heart, 'Who 'hath begotten me these, seeing I have lost my children, 'and am barren, a captive, and exiled? And who hath 'brought up these? Behold, I was left alone; these, where 'have they been?'

22 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah, Behold, I will lift up my hand to the Nations, and set up my standard to the peoples; and they shall bring thy sons in their arms, and thy daugh-
23 ters shall be carried upon their shoulders. And kings shall be thy nursing fathers, and their princesses thy nursing mothers. They shall bow down to thee with their face toward the earth, and lick up the dust of thy feet; and thou shalt know that I am Jehovah; for they shall not be ashamed that wait for me.

24 'Shall the booty be taken from the mighty, or the lawful
25 'captive be delivered?' Yea, thus saith Jehovah, Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the booty of the terrible shall be delivered; for I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy chil-
26 dren. And them that oppress thee I will feed with their own flesh; and they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with grape juice; and all flesh shall know that I Jehovah am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.

L 1 Thus saith Jehovah, Where is the bill of your mother's divorcement, with which I have put her away? Or which of my creditors is it to whom I have sold you? Behold, for your iniquities have ye been sold, and for your trans-
2 gressions is your mother put away. Why, when I came, was there no man? When I called, was there none to answer? Is my hand at all shortened, that it cannot re-

deem? Or have I no power to deliver? Behold, at my rebuke I dry up the sea, I make the rivers to be a desert. Their fish stink, because there is no water, and die for thirst. I clothe the heavens with blackness, and I make sackcloth their covering.

THE LORD JEHOVAH HATH GIVEN ME the tongue of a scholar, that I should know how to help the weary with a word. He wakeneth me morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as a scholar. The Lord Jehovah hath opened mine ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned away back.

I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair; I hid not my face from insult and spitting. For the Lord Jehovah will help me; therefore shall I not be insulted; therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed. He is near that justifieth me. Who will contend with me? Let us stand together. Who is mine adversary? let him come near to me. Behold, the Lord Jehovah will help me; who is he that shall condemn me? Lo, they all shall wax old as a garment; the moth shall eat them up.

Who is there among you that feareth Jehovah, that hearkeneth to the voice of his servant, that yet walketh in darkness, and hath no light? Let him trust in the name of Jehovah, and lean upon his God. Behold, all ye that kindle a fire, that gird yourselves with burning darts; walk ye in the light of your fire, and in the burning darts that ye have heated. This shall ye have from my hand, that ye shall lie down in sorrow.

HEARKEN TO ME, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek Jehovah. Look unto the rock whence ye were hewn, and to the hole of the quarry whence ye were digged. Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah that bare you; for him alone did I call, and I blessed him, and increased him. For Jehovah will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her desert like Eden, and her barren valley like the garden of Jehovah; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving and the voice of melody.

Attend unto me, my people; and give ear unto me, O my nation; for a law shall proceed from me, and I will establish my judgment as a light of the people. My right-

cousness is near; my salvation is gone forth, and mine arms shall judge the people; the isles shall wait upon me,
6 and for mine arm shall they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look down upon the earth beneath; for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die like a gnat; but my salvation shall be for ever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished.
7 Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law; fear ye not the reproach of men,
8 neither be ye afraid of their revilings. For the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the grub shall eat them like wool; but my righteousness shall be for ever, and my salvation for generations of generations.
9 AWAKE, AWAKE, put on strength, O arm of Jehovah; awake, as in the ancient days, in the generations of old. Art thou not He that pierced the Boaster [or Egypt], and
10 wounded the dragon [or crocodile]? Art thou not He that dried up the sea, the waters of the great deep; that made the depths of the sea a way for the ransomed to pass over?
11 And the redeemed of Jehovah shall return, and shall come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head. They shall obtain gladness and joy; sorrow and sighing shall flee away.
12 I, even I, am he that comforteth you; who art thou, that thou shouldest be afraid of a man that shall die, and
13 of a son of Adam that shall be made as the grass? And dost thou forget Jehovah thy maker, that stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth? And dost thou fear continually every day because of the wrath of the oppressor, as if he were ready to destroy? And
14 where is the wrath of the oppressor? The man bowed down [with chains] hasteneth to be loosed, and that he die
15 not in the pit, nor that his bread should fail. And I am Jehovah thy God, that stilleth the sea, when its waves
16 roar; Jehovah of hosts is his name. And I will put my words in thy mouth, and I will cover thee with the shadow of mine hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, 'Thou art my 'people.'
17 AWAKE, AWAKE, stand up, O Jerusalem, which hast drunk

at the hand of Jehovah the cup of his wrath; thou hast drunk to the bottom of the cup of staggering; thou hast drunk the dregs. She hath no guide among all the sons 18
whom she hath brought forth; neither is there is any that taketh her by the hand of all the sons that she hath brought up. These two things are come unto thee; who 19
shall be sorry for thee? desolation, and destruction, and the famine, and the sword; how shall I comfort thee? Thy sons have fainted, they lie at the head of all the streets, 20
as a deer in a net; they are full of the wrath of Jehovah, of the rebuke of thy God.

Therefore hear now this, thou afflicted, and drunken, but 21
not with wine; thus saith thy Lord Jehovah, and thy God 22
that pleadeth the cause of his people, Behold, I have taken out of thine hand the cup of staggering, the bottom of the cup of my wrath; thou shalt no more drink it again. But 23
I will put it into the hand of them that afflict thee; who have said to thy soul, 'Bow thyself down, that we may 'go over thee;' and thou hast laid down thy body as the ground, and as the street, to them that went over.

Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on 1
thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city; for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean. Shake thyself from the dust; 2
arise, and sit up, O Jerusalem; loosen thyself from the fetters of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion. For thus 3
saith Jehovah, Ye were sold for nought; and ye shall be redeemed without money.

For thus saith the Lord Jehovah, My people went down 4
at first into Lower Egypt to sojourn there; and then the Assyrian oppressed them without cause. Now therefore, 5
what have I here, Jehovah hath said it, that my people is taken away for nought? They that rule over them shout aloud, Jehovah hath said it; and my name continually every day is blasphemed. Therefore my people shall know 6
my name; therefore they shall know in that day that I am he that doth speak; behold it is I.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him 7
that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, 'Thy God reigneth!' It is the voice 8

of thy watchmen; they lift up the voice together; the
sing aloud; for they shall see eye to eye, when Jehoval
shall return to Zion.

9 Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places o
Jerusalem; for Jehovah hath comforted his people, he hatl
10 redeemed Jerusalem. Jehovah hath made bare his hol
arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of th
earth shall see the salvation of our God.

11 Get ye out, get ye out, go ye out from thence [fron
Babylon], touch no unclean thing; go ye out of the mids
of her; be ye clean, ye that carry the vessels of Jehovah
12 For ye shall not go out with haste, nor go in flight; fo
Jehovah will go before you; and the God of Israel will b
your rearguard.

13 BEHOLD, MY SERVANT dealeth prudently, he shall be ex
14 alted and extolled, and be very high, because many wer
astonished at thee. Since his visage was marred more tha
15 any man, and his form more than the sons of Adam; s
shall he cause many nations to admire. Kings shall shu
their mouths before him; for that which had not bee
told them shall they see; and that which they had no
heard shall they understand.

1 'But who believed what we heard? and to whom wa
2 'the arm of Jehovah revealed? For he grew up before hin
'as a weak plant, and as a root out of a dry soil. He ha
'no form nor comeliness, that we should look on him, an
3 'no beauty that we should desire him. He was despise
'and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainte
'with grief, and as one from whom men hide their faces
4 'he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely h
'had borne our griefs, and our sorrows he had carrie
'them; yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten by God
5 'and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions
'he was bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement o
'our welfare was upon him; and with his stripes we wer
6 'healed. All we like sheep had gone astray; we had turne
'every one to his own way; and Jehovah laid on him th
7 'iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted
'yet he opened not his mouth. *He was brought as a lam*
'*to the slaughter;* and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb
8 'so he opened not his mouth. He was taken from priso

'and from judgment; and who of his generation considered
'it? *For he was cut off out of the land of the living.*'

By the transgression of my people violence came upon
him; and he made his grave with the wicked, and was 9
with the ungodly in his death. Although he had done no
wrong, neither was any deceit in his mouth; yet it pleased 10
Jehovah to bruise him unto grief. Although his soul is
made a guilt offering, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong
his days, and the pleasure of Jehovah shall prosper in his
hand. From the travail of his soul, he shall see and shall 11
be satisfied; by his knowledge shall my righteous servant
justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore 12
will I divide to him a portion with the great, and he shall
divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured
out his soul unto death; and he was numbered with the
transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made inter-
cession for the transgressors.

SING, O BARREN WOMAN, thou that didst not bear; break 1
forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou that didst not tra-
vail with child; for more are the children of the desolate
woman than the children of the married wife, saith Jeho-
vah. Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch 2
forth the curtains of thine habitations; spare not, lengthen
thy cords, and make firm thy tent-pins; for thou shalt 3
break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy
seed shall dispossess the Nations, and make the desolate
cities to be inhabited.

Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed; neither be 4
thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame. For
thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and the reproach
of thy widowhood thou shalt remember no more. For 5
thy Maker is thine husband; Jehovah of hosts is his name;
and thy Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel; the God of
the whole earth shall he be called. For Jehovah hath 6
called thee as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, and
a wife of one's youth, when thou wast refused, saith thy
God. For a small moment had I forsaken thee; but with 7
great mercies will I take thee back. In a flood of wrath 8
I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlast-
ing kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith Jehovah thy
Redeemer.

9 For this is as the waters of Noah unto me. For as I
swore that the waters of Noah should no more go over the
earth; so have I sworn that I will not be wroth with thee,
10 nor rebuke thee. For the mountains shall depart, and
the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart
from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be re-
moved, saith Jehovah, he that hath mercy on thee.
11 O thou afflicted one, tossed with tempest, and not com-
forted, behold, I will lay thy stones with vermilion, and
12 will make thy foundations with sapphires. And I will
make thy battlements of rubies, and thy gates of carbuncles,
13 and all thy borders of pleasant stones. And all thy chil-
dren shall be taught by Jehovah; and great shall be the
14 peace of thy children. In righteousness shalt thou be
established. Be thou far from anxiety, for thou shalt not
fear; and from terror, for it shall not come near thee.
15 Behold, they will surely be leagued together, but not by
me. Whosoever shall be leagued against thee shall revolt
16 unto thee. Behold, I created the smith that bloweth the
coals in the fire, and that bringeth forth the weapon for
17 its work; and I created the destroyer to lay waste. No
weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and
every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou
shalt refute. This is the heritage of the servants of Jeho-
vah, and their righteousness is from me, Jehovah hath
said it.
1 Ho, EVERY ONE THAT THIRSTETH, come ye to the waters,
and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea,
come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
2 Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread?
and your labour for that which satisfieth not? Hearken
diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let
3 your soul delight itself in fatness. Incline your ear, and
come unto me; hear, and your soul shall live; and I will
make an everlasting covenant with you, even the kindness
4 assured unto David. Behold, I have given him for a wit-
ness to the people, a leader and commander to the people.
5 Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not,
and nations that knew not thee shall run unto thee for the
sake of Jehovah thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel;
for he hath glorified thee.
6 Seek ye Jehovah while he may be found, call ye upon

him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, 7
and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return
unto Jehovah, and he will have mercy upon him; and to
our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts 8
are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, Je-
hovah hath said it.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my 9
ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your
thoughts. For as the rain cometh down, and the snow 10
from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the
earth, and maketh it bring forth, and maketh it bud, that
it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater; so 11
shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth. It
shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that
which I please, and it shall make that to prosper for which
I sent it. For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth 12
with peace; the mountains and the hills shall break forth
before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall
clap their hands. Instead of the thorn bush shall come up 13
the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the
myrtle tree; and it shall be to Jehovah for a name, for an
everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

THUS SAITH JEHOVAH, Keep ye judgment, and do justice; 1
for my salvation is near to come, and my righteousness to
be revealed. Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the 2
son of Adam that layeth hold on it; that keepeth the sab-
bath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing
any evil. Neither let the son of the foreigner, that hath 3
joined himself to Jehovah, speak, saying, 'Jehovah hath
'utterly separated me from his people;' neither let the
eunuch say, 'Behold, I am a dry tree.' For thus saith Jeho- 4
vah unto the eunuchs, Those that keep my sabbaths, and
choose the things that please me, and take hold of my cove-
nant; even unto them will I give in my House and within 5
my walls a place and a name better than sons and daughters;
I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut
off. Also the sons of the foreigner, that join themselves 6
to Jehovah, to serve him, and to love the name of Jehovah,
to be his servants, every one that keepeth the sabbath from
polluting it, and taketh hold of my covenant; even them 7
will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful
in my House of Prayer. Their burnt offerings and their

sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for my House
8 shall be called a house of prayer for all people (the Lord Jehovah hath said it); while gathering in the outcasts of Israel, yet will I gather others to him, beside those that are gathered unto him.

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9 ALL YE WILD BEASTS OF THE FIELD, come to devour, yea,
10 all ye wild beasts in the forest. His watchmen are blind; they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot
11 bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand. They all look to their own way, every one for his own gain, from his own
12 quarter, [saying,] 'Come ye, I will fetch wine, and we will 'fill ourselves with strong drink; and to-morrow shall be 'as this day, and much more abundant.'

1 The righteous perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart; and merciful men are taken away, while none consider that
2 the righteous is taken away from misfortune. He entereth into peace; they rest in their beds, each one walking in
3 his uprightness. But draw near hither, ye sons of the
4 sorceress, the seed of the adulterer and the harlot. Against whom do ye sport yourselves? Against whom do ye make a wide mouth, and put out the tongue? Are ye not chil-
5 dren of transgression, the seed of falsehood, inflaming yourselves with idols under every green tree, killing the children
6 in the valleys under the clefts of the rocks? Among the smooth stones of the valley is thy portion; these, these are thy lot; even to them hast thou poured a drink offering, thou hast offered a meal offering. Should I receive comfort in these?

7 Upon a lofty and high mountain hast thou set thy bed;
8 even thither wentest thou up to sacrifice sacrifices. Behind the doors also and the door-posts hast thou set up thy remembrance; for not unto me thou hast uncovered thyself, and art gone up; thou hast enlarged thy bed, and made a covenant with them; thou lovedst their bed where
9 thou sawest a place. And thou wentest to the king with ointment, and didst increase thy perfumes, and didst send thy messengers to a distance, and didst debase thyself even
10 unto hell. Thou art wearied in the greatness of thy way; yet thou saidst not, 'It is to be despaired of.' Thou hast

found life in thine own hand; therefore thou wast not grieved.

And of whom hast thou been afraid or dost thou fear, 11
that thou hast lied, and hast not remembered me, nor laid
it to thy heart? Have not I held my peace even of old,
and so thou fearest me not? It is I who declare thy right- 12
eousness, and thy works; and they shall not profit thee.
When thou criest, let thy companions [or idols] deliver 13
thee. But the wind shall carry them all away; vanity
shall take them. But he that putteth his trust in me shall
inherit the land, and shall possess my holy mountain. And 14
he shall say, 'Build ye up the road, build ye up, prepare
'the way, take up the stumbling-block out of the way of
'my people.'

For thus saith the High and Lofty One, he that inha- 15
biteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high
and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and
humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to
revive the heart of the contrite ones. For I will not con- 16
tend for ever, neither will I be always wroth; for the spirit
would fail before me, and the souls which I have made.
For the iniquity of his covetousness was I wroth, and I 17
smote him. I hid me, and was wroth, and he walked re-
belliously in the way of his heart. I have seen his ways, 18
and will heal him. And I will lead him, and I will restore
comforts unto him and to his mourners. I create the fruit 19
of the lips, even peace, peace to him that is far off, and
to him that is near, saith Jehovah; and I will heal him.
But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot 20
rest, and its waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no 21
peace, saith my God, to the wicked.

CRY WITH THE THROAT, spare not, lift up thy voice like 1
a trumpet, and shew to my people their transgression, and
to the house of Jacob their sins. For they seek me day 2
by day, and delight to know my ways, as though they
were a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the
ordinance of their God. They ask of me the ordinances of
justice; they take delight in approaching to God, [saying,]
'Wherefore have we fasted, and thou seest not? Where- 3
'fore have we afflicted our soul, and thou takest no know-
'ledge?' Behold, in the day of your fast ye pursue plea-
sure, and oppress all your labourers. Behold, ye fast for 4

strife and debate, and to smite with the fist of wickedness. Ye do not fast so as this day to make your voice to be heard on high.

5 Is this such a fast as I should choose? a day for a man to afflict his soul? Is it to bow down his head as a bulrush, and to make a bed in sackcloth and ashes? Wilt
6 thou call this a fast, and an acceptable day to Jehovah? Is not this the fast that I should choose? to loosen the fetters of injustice, to undo the fastenings of the yoke, and to let
7 the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? Is it not to deal out thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast down unto thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou clothe him; and that thou
8 hide not thyself from thine own flesh? Then shall thy light burst forth as the daybreak, and the healing of thy wounds be quickened; and thy righteousness shall go before
9 thee; the glory of Jehovah shall be thy rearguard. Then shalt thou call, and Jehovah will answer; thou shalt cry for help, and he will say, 'Behold it is I.'

If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the
10 pointing of the finger, and speaking vanity; and if thy soul bring forth to the hungry, and thou satisfy the afflicted soul; then shalt thy light rise through the obscurity, and
11 thy darkness be as the noon day; and Jehovah will guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in time of drought, and strengthen thy bones; and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters are not a
12 deception. And some of thee shall build the waste places of the past time. Thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.

13 If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, holy to Jehovah and honourable; and shalt honour it, not doing thine own ways, nor pursuing thine own
14 pleasure, nor speaking thine own words; then shalt thou find delight in Jehovah; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and I will feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father; for the mouth of Jehovah hath spoken it.

LIX. 1 BEHOLD, JEHOVAH'S HAND is not shortened, that it can-
2 not save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear; but

your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear. For your hands are defiled with blood, and your 3
fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken falsehood, your tongue hath muttered perverseness. None summoneth 4
with justice, and none pleadeth with truth; they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity.

They hatch vipers' eggs, and weave the spider's web. 5
He that eateth of their eggs dieth, and when one is broken, out breaketh an adder. Their webs will not serve for 6
garments, neither shall they cover themselves with their works; their works are works of iniquity, and the act of violence is in their hands. Their feet run to evil, and they 7
make haste to shed innocent blood; their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; wasting and destruction are in their highways. The path of peace they know not; and there 8
is no judgment in their track. They have made for themselves crooked paths; whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace.

Therefore is judgment far from us, neither doth justice 9
overtake us; we wait for light, but behold obscurity; for brightness, but we walk in darkness. We grope for the 10
wall like the blind, and we grope as if we had no eyes; we stumble at noon day as in the night; in fertile fields we are as dead men. We growl all like bears, and mourn sore 11
like doves. We wait for judgment, but there is none; for salvation, but it is far off from us. For our transgressions 12
are multiplied before thee, and our sins testify against us; for our transgressions are with us; and as for our iniquities, we know them.

We have transgressed and lied against Jehovah, and de- 13
parted away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood. And judgment is turned away backward, and justice stand- 14
eth afar off; for truth stumbleth in the street, and equity cannot enter. Yea, truth is not to be found. But he that 15
departeth from evil maketh himself a prey. And Jehovah seeth it, and it displeaseth him because there is no judgment.

And he seeth that there is no man, and wondereth that 16
there is no intercessor. But his own arm worketh salva-

tion unto him; and his righteousness, it sustaineth him.
17 For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and the helmet
of salvation upon his head; and he put on the garments of
vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as with a
18 cloak. As were their deeds, so he will repay, wrath to his
adversaries, like doings to his enemies; to the [Greek]
19 islands he will repay like doings. And they in the West
shall fear the name of Jehovah, and they at the rising of
the sun, his glory; when He shall come like a pent-up
20 flood, which the breath of Jehovah driveth forward. And
the Redeemer shall come unto Zion, and unto them that
turn from transgression in Jacob; Jehovah hath said it.
21 As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith Jehovah;
My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put
in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of
the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's
seed, saith Jehovah, from henceforth and for ever.

1 ARISE, SHINE; for thy light is come, and the glory of
2 Jehovah is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness
shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people; but
Jehovah will arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen
3 upon thee. And the Nations shall come to thy light, and
4 kings to the brightness of thy rising. Lift up thine eyes
round about, and see; they all gather themselves together,
they come to thee; thy sons shall come from far, and thy
daughters shall nurse [their babes] at thy side.
5 Then thou shalt see, and be gladdened, and thine heart
shall fear, and be enlarged; because the riches of the West
shall be turned unto thee, the wealth of the Nations shall
6 come unto thee. The multitude of camels shall cover thee,
the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba
shall come; they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall
7 shew forth the praises of Jehovah. All the flocks of Kedar
shall be gathered together unto thee, the rams of Nebaioth
[or the Nabatæans] shall minister unto thee; they shall
come up with acceptance on mine altar, and I will glorify
the House of my glory.
8 Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to
9 their windows? Surely the [Greek] isles shall wait for me,
and the ships of Tarshish among the first, to bring thy
sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, unto
the name of Jehovah thy God, and to the Holy One of

Israel, because he hath glorified thee. And the sons of 10
foreigners shall build up thy walls, and their kings shall
minister unto thee; for in my wrath I smote thee, but in
my favour have I had mercy on thee. Therefore thy 11
gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day
nor night; that the wealth of the Nations may be brought
unto thee, and that their kings may be the bringers. For 12
the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall
perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted.

The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the fir tree, 13
the pine, and the box tree together, to beautify the place
of my Sanctuary; and I will make the place of my feet
glorious. The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall 14
come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee
shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and
they shall call thee, The city of Jehovah, The Zion of the
Holy One of Israel. Whereas thou hast been forsaken and 15
hated, so that no man went through thee, I will make thee
an excellence for ever, a joy for generations and genera-
tions. Thou shalt also suck the milk of the Nations, and 16
shalt suck the breast of kings; and thou shalt know that
I Jehovah am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty
one of Jacob.

Instead of copper I will bring gold, and instead of iron 17
I will bring silver, and instead of wood copper, and instead
of stones iron. I will also make thy officers peace, and
thy tax-gatherers righteousness. Violence shall no more 18
be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy
borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy
city gates Praise. The sun shall be no more thy light by 19
day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto
thee; but Jehovah will be unto thee an everlasting light,
and thy God will be thy glory. Thy sun shall no more 20
go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself; for
Jehovah will be thine everlasting light, and the days of
thy mourning shall be ended. Thy people also shall be all 21
righteous; they shall possess the land for ever, as a branch
of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glori-
fied. That which was little shall become a thousand, and 22
that which was small, a strong nation; I Jehovah will
hasten it in its time.

THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD JEHOVAH is upon me; because 1

Jehovah hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the afflicted; he hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the
2 prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the year of acceptance by Jehovah, and the day of vengeance of our
3 God; to comfort all that mourn; to appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them ornaments in place of ashes, the oil of joy in place of mourning, the garment of praise in place of the spirit of weakness; that they might be called Trees of righteousness, the planting of Jehovah, that he might be glorified.

4 And they shall build up the old waste places, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the
5 waste cities, the desolations of many generations. And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the foreigner shall be your plowmen and your vine-dressers.
6 But ye shall be named the Priests of Jehovah; men shall call you the Ministers of our God. Ye shall eat the riches of the Nations, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves.
7 In place of your shame ye shall have double; and for confusion they shall rejoice in their portion; therefore in their land they shall possess the double; everlasting joy shall be unto them.

8 For I Jehovah love judgment, I hate robbery with iniquity; and I will reward their work in truth, and I will
9 make an everlasting covenant with them. And their seed shall be known among the Nations, and their offspring among the peoples. All that see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed blessed by Jehovah.

10 I WILL GREATLY REJOICE in Jehovah, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and
11 as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord Jehovah will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

1 For Zion's sake I will not keep silence, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp
2 that burneth. And the Nations shall see thy righteous-

ness, and all kings thy glory; and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of Jehovah shall declare.
Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of Jehovah, 3
and a royal turban in the hand of thy God. Thou shalt 4
no more be termed 'Forsaken;' neither shall thy land any more be termed 'Desolate;' but thou shalt be called 'My 'delight is in her,' and thy land 'The married woman;' for Jehovah delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married. For as a young man marrieth a maiden, so shall 5
thy sons marry thee; and as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee.

I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, who 6
shall never hold their peace day nor night. Ye that should remind Jehovah, keep not silence, and give him no quiet, 7
till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise on the earth. Jehovah hath sworn by his right hand, and by 8
the arm of his strength, Surely I will no more give thy corn to be food for thine enemies; and the sons of the foreigner shall not drink thy grape juice, for the which thou hast laboured. But they that have reaped it shall eat it, 9
and praise Jehovah; and they that have gathered it in shall drink it in the courts of my holiness.

Go through, go through the city gates; prepare ye the 10
way of the people; build up, build up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up on high a standard for the people.
Behold, Jehovah hath proclaimed unto the end of the 11
world, Say ye to the daughters of Zion, 'Behold, thy sal-'vation cometh; behold, his reward is with him, and his 'recompence is before him.' And they shall call them, 12
'The holy people, The redeemed of Jehovah;' and thou shalt be called, 'Sought out, A city not forsaken.'

'Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed gar- 1
'ments from Bozrah? this that is glorious in his apparel, 'bearing himself proudly in the greatness of his strength?'

It is I, I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save.

'Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy gar- 2
'ments like him that treadeth in the wine-vat?'

I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people 3
there was no man with me; and I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my wrath; and their juice shall spurt out upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment.
For the day of vengeance is in mine heart, and the year of 4

5 my redeemed is come. And I looked, and there was none
to help; and I wondered that there was none to uphold;
therefore mine own arm wrought salvation for me; and my
6 wrath, it upheld me. And I will tread down the peoples
in mine anger, and make them drunk in my wrath, and I
will pour down their juice to the earth.

7 I WILL MENTION THE LOVING-KINDNESSES of Jehovah, and
the praises of Jehovah, according to all that Jehovah hath
bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house
of Israel, which he hath bestowed on them according to
his mercies, and according to the multitude of his loving-
8 kindnesses. For he said, 'Surely they are my people,
9 'children that will not lie;' so he was their Saviour. In
all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his
presence saved them. In his love and in his pity he re-
deemed them; and he lifted them up, and carried them all
10 the days of old. But they rebelled, and vexed his holy
spirit; therefore he turned to be their enemy, and he fought
against them.

11 But let him remember the days of old, the Moses [or
Raiser up] of his people. Where is he that brought them
up out of the sea with the shepherd of his flock? Where
12 is he that put his holy spirit within him? That led them
by the right hand of Moses, with his glorious arm dividing
the water before them, to make for himself an everlasting
13 name? That led them through the deep, as a horse in the
14 desert, so that they should not stumble? As a beast goeth
down into the valley, the spirit of Jehovah causeth him
to rest; so didst thou lead thy people, to make for thyself
a glorious name.

15 Look down from heaven, and behold from the habitation
of thy holiness and of thy glory. Where is thy zeal and
thy strength, the moving of thy bowels and of thy mercies
16 toward me? Are they restrained? Doubtless thou art our
father, though Abraham be ignorant of us, and Israel ac-
knowledge us not. Thou, O Jehovah, art our father, our
17 redeemer; thy name is from everlasting. Why, O Jeho-
vah, hast thou made us to wander from thy ways, and
hardened our heart from fearing thee? Return for the
sake of thy servants, who are the tribes of thine inheritance.
18 The people of thy holiness have possessed it but a little
while; our adversaries have trodden down thy Sanctuary.

We are from of old; thou barest not rule over them; they were not called by thy name. 19

Oh that thou wouldest rend the heavens, that thou wouldest come down, that the mountains might be shaken at thy presence, (as when fire burneth brushwood, when fire causeth the waters to boil,) to make thy name known to thine adversaries, that the nations may tremble at thy presence! When thou didst terrible things which we looked not for, thou camest down, the mountains were shaken at thy presence. 1 2 3

For from of old men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen a God beside thee, who doeth so for him that waiteth for him. Thou meetest him that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness, those that remember thee in thy ways. Behold, thou art wroth when we have sinned. We were of old in them, but we shall be saved. And we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as soiled garments; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, carry us away. And there is none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee; for thou hast hidden thy face from us, and hast consumed us, by reason of our iniquities. 4 5 6 7

But now, O Jehovah, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand. Be not wroth very sore, O Jehovah, neither remember our iniquity for ever. Behold, see, we beseech thee, we are all thy people. Thy holy cities are a desert, Zion is a desert, Jerusalem a desolation. Our holy and our beautiful House, where our fathers praised thee, is burned up with fire; and all our pleasant things are laid waste. Wilt thou refrain thyself at these things, O Jehovah? Wilt thou hold thy peace, and afflict us very sore? 8 9 10 11 12

I HAVE BEEN INQUIRED OF by them that asked not; I have been found by them that sought me not. I said [in ch. lii. 6], '*Behold it is I, behold it is I*,' unto a nation that called not upon my name. I spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious people, that walketh in a way that is not good, after their own thoughts; a people that provoketh me to anger to my face; that sacrificeth continually in gardens, and burneth incense upon altars of brick; who remain among the graves, and lodge in caverns, who eat 1 2 3 4

swine's flesh, and pieces of putrid flesh are in their vessels;
5 who say, 'Stand by thyself, come not near to me; for I am
'holier than thou.' These are a smoke in my nose, a fire
6 that burneth all the day. Behold, it is written before of
me [in ch. lxii. 1], *I will not keep silence.* Nay, I will
7 recompense, even recompense into their bosom, your iniquities, and the iniquities of your fathers together, saith Jehovah, who burned incense upon the mountains, and defied me upon the hills. Therefore will I measure their former work into their bosom.

8 Thus saith Jehovah, As grape juice is found in the cluster, and one saith, 'Destroy it not; for a blessing is in it;' so will I do for my servants' sakes, that I may not destroy
9 them all. And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob, and out of Judah an inheritor of my mountain; and my chosen ones shall possess it, and my servants shall dwell
10 there. And Sharon shall be a fold of flocks, and the valley of Achor a resting place of herds, for my people that have
11 sought me. But ye are they that forsake Jehovah, that forget my holy mountain, that prepare a table unto Fortune,
12 and that fill up a drink offering unto Fate. Therefore will I number you to the sword, and ye shall all bow down to the slaughter. Because when I called, ye did not answer; when I spake, ye did not hear; but did evil before mine eyes, and did choose that wherein I delighted not.

13 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah, Behold, my servants shall eat, but ye shall be hungry; behold, my servants shall drink, but ye shall be thirsty; behold, my servants
14 shall rejoice, but ye shall be ashamed; behold, my servants shall sing for joy of heart, but ye shall cry for sorrow of
15 heart, and ye shall howl from a broken spirit. And ye shall leave your name for a curse unto my chosen ones. For the Lord Jehovah will slay thee, and he will call his
16 servants by another name; so that he who blesseth himself on the earth shall bless himself by the God of truth; and he that sweareth on the earth shall swear by the God of truth; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hidden from mine eyes.

17 For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.
18 But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create; for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people

a joy. And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and will joy in 19
my people; and the voice of weeping shall be no more
heard in her, nor the voice of crying. There shall be no 20
more thenceforth an infant of few days, nor an old man
that hath not filled his days. For the young man shall
die a hundred years old; but the sinner being a hundred
years old shall be accursed. And *they shall build houses,* 21
and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat
the fruit thereof. They shall not build, and another inhabit; 22
they shall not plant, and another eat; for as the days of a
tree are the days of my people, and my chosen ones shall
use up the work of their own hands. They shall not 23
labour in vain, nor bear children for trouble; for *they are*
the seed of the blessed of Jehovah, and their offspring are so
with them. And it shall come to pass, that before they 24
call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will
hear. *The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,* and *the* 25
lion shall eat straw like the ox; but dust shall be the ser-
pent's food. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my
holy mountain, saith Jehovah.

Thus saith Jehovah, The heavens are my throne, and the 1
earth is my footstool; where is the house that ye build
unto me? and where is the place of my rest? For all 2
those things hath my hand made, and all those things are
made already, Jehovah hath said it; but to this man will
I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit,
and trembleth at my word. He that killeth an ox is as if 3
he slew a man; he that sacrificeth a lamb or kid, as if he
broke a dog's neck; he that offereth a meal-offering, as if
it were swine's blood; he that maketh a memorial of in-
cense, as if he blessed an idol. Yea, they have chosen
their own ways, and their soul delighteth in their abomi-
nations. I also will choose their calamities, and will bring 4
their fears upon them; because when I called, none did
answer; when I spake, they did not hear. But they did
evil before mine eyes, and chose that in which I delighted
not.

Hear the word of Jehovah, ye that tremble at his word; 5
Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my
name's sake, said, 'Let Jehovah be glorified;' but he shall
appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed. A voice 6
of noise from the city, a voice from the temple, a voice of

7 Jehovah rendering recompence to his enemies. Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she
8 was delivered of a man child. Who hath heard such a thing? Who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to travail with child in one day? or shall a nation be brought forth at once? For as soon as Zion travailed,
9 she brought forth her children. Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth? saith Jehovah. Shall I cause to bring forth, and also shut the womb? saith thy God.
10 Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all ye that love her; rejoice for joy with her, all ye that mourn
11 for her; so that ye may suck, and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations; so that ye may milk out, and be delighted with the abundance of her glory.
12 For thus saith Jehovah, Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the Nations like a flowing stream. Then shall ye suck, ye shall be borne on her side,
13 and be fondled upon her knees. As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be com-
11 forted in Jerusalem. And when ye see this, your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall flourish like an herb; and the hand of Jehovah shall be known toward his ser-
15 vants, and his indignation toward his enemies. For, behold, Jehovah will come with fire, and his chariots are like a whirlwind, to render back his anger with wrath, and his
16 rebuke with flames of fire. For by fire and by his sword will Jehovah judge all flesh; and the slain of Jehovah shall
17 be many. They that sanctify themselves, and purify themselves in the gardens behind one tree in the midst, eating swine's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse, shall perish together, Jehovah hath said it.
18 For I know their works and their thoughts; it shall come, that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they
19 shall come, and see my glory. And I will set a sign among them, and those of them that escape I will send to the nations, to Tarshish [or Tarsus], to Pul [or North Africa], and to Lud [or the Egyptian Arabs], that draw the bow, to Tubal [or the Tibareni], and to Javan [or the Ionians], to the isles afar off, that have not heard my fame, neither have seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory among
20 the Nations. And they shall bring all your brethren out

of all nations for an offering to Jehovah upon horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and upon mules, and upon dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, saith Jehovah, as the children of Israel bring a meal offering in a clean vessel into the House of Jehovah. And I will also 21
take some of them for priests and for Levites, saith Jehovah. For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I 22
will make, shall remain before me, Jehovah hath said it, so shall your seed and your name remain. And it shall 23
come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith Jehovah. And they shall go forth, and 24
look upon the carcases of the men that have transgressed against me; for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh.

THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH.

THE words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, one of the 1
priests that were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin; to whom the word of Jehovah came in the days of Josiah 2
the son of Amon king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign [B.C. 629]. It came also in the days of Jehoia- 3
kim the son of Josiah king of Judah, until the end, in the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah king of Judah [B.C. 589], until the carrying away of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month.

Then the word of Jehovah came to me, saying, Before I 4
formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou 5
camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations. Then said I, 'Ah, 6
'Lord Jehovah! behold, I cannot speak; for I am a youth.' But Jehovah said to me, Say not, I am a youth; for thou 7
shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak. Be not afraid of their 8
faces; for I am with thee to deliver thee, Jehovah hath said it. Then Jehovah put forth his hand, and touched 9
my mouth. And Jehovah said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth. See, I have this day set thee 10

over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build up, and to plant.

11 Moreover the word of Jehovah came to me, saying, Jeremiah, what seest thou? And I said, 'I see the rod of an
12 'almond tree.' Then said Jehovah unto me, Thou hast well seen; for I am watching over my word to perform it.

13 And the word of Jehovah came to me the second time, saying, 'What seest thou?' And I said, 'I see a pot which
14 'is boiling; and the face thereof is toward the north.' Then Jehovah said to me, Out of the north an evil shall break
15 forth upon all the inhabitants of the land. For, lo, I will call all the families of the kingdoms of the north, Jehovah hath said it; and they shall come, and they shall set every one his throne at the entering of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all the walls thereof round about, and against
16 all the cities of Judah. And I will utter my judgments against them touching all their wickedness, who have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, and
17 worshipped the works of their own hands. Thou therefore gird up thy loins, and arise, and speak unto them all that I command thee. Be not affrighted at their faces, lest I
18 affright thee before their faces. For, behold, I have made thee this day a fortified city, and a pillar of iron, and walls of copper against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against the princes thereof, against the priests thereof, and
19 against the people of the land. And they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee; for I am with thee, Jehovah hath said it, to deliver thee.

1 Moreover the word of Jehovah came to me, saying, Go
2 and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith Jehovah; I remember thee, the kindness of thy youth, the love of thine espousals, when thou walkedst after me in the
3 desert, in a land that was not sown. Israel is holy unto Jehovah, and the firstfruits of his increase. All that devour him are guilty; evil shall come upon them, Jehovah hath said it.

4 Hear ye the word of Jehovah, O house of Jacob, and all
5 ye families of the house of Israel. Thus saith Jehovah, What injustice have your fathers found in me that they are gone far from me, and have walked after vanity, and are
6 become vain? Neither said they, 'Where is Jehovah that

'brought us up out of the land of Lower Egypt, that led
'us through the desert, through a land of barren plains and
'of pits, through a land of drought, and of the shadow of
'death, through a land that no man passed through, and
'where no son of Adam dwelt?' And I brought you into 7
a land of gardens, to eat the fruit thereof and the goodness
thereof. But when ye entered, ye defiled my land, and
made my heritage an abomination. The priests said not, 8
'Where is Jehovah?' and they that were skilled in the
Law knew me not. The shepherds also transgressed against
me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after
things that do not profit.

Therefore I will yet plead with you, Jehovah hath said 9
it, and with your children's children will I plead. For pass 10
ye over to the isles of Chittim [or the Greeks], and see; and
send unto Kedar [in Arabia], and consider diligently, and
see if there be such a thing. Hath a nation changed their 11
gods, even those which are no gods? But my people have
changed their Glory for that which doth not profit. Be 12
astonished, O ye heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid,
be ye very desolate, Jehovah hath said it. For my people 13
have committed two evils; they have forsaken me, the
fountain of living waters, in order to hew out for them-
selves cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.

Is Israel a servant? one born in the house? why is he 14
plundered? The young lions [or Babylonians] roar upon 15
him; they raise their cry, and they make his land a deso-
lation; his cities are burned so as to be without inhabitant.
Also the children of Noph [or Memphis] and Tahapanes [or 16
Daphnæ] have devoured thee to the crown of thy head.
Hast thou not brought this upon thyself, in that thou hast 17
forsaken Jehovah thy God, at the time when he led thee
by the way? And now what hast thou to do in the way 18
of Lower Egypt, to drink the waters of the Shihor [or
Nile]? Or what hast thou to do in the way of Assyria, to
drink the waters of the River [Euphrates]? Thine own 19
wickedness shall correct thee, and thy backslidings shall
reprove thee. Know therefore and see that it is an evil
thing and bitter, that thou hast forsaken Jehovah thy God,
and that the fear of me is not in thee, the Lord Jehovah of
hosts hath said it.

For of old time I had broken thy yoke, and burst thy 20

bands; and thou saidst, 'I will not transgress;' when upon
every high hill and under every green tree thou hast lain
21 down, playing the harlot. Yet I had planted thee a noble
vine, wholly a right seed. How then art thou changed
towards me into the degenerate plant of a foreign vine?
22 For though thou wash thyself with nitre, and take to thee
much soap, yet thine iniquity is made black before me, the
Lord Jehovah hath said it.
23 How canst thou say, 'I am not polluted, I have not gone
'after Baal'? See thy way in the valley, know what thou
hast done; thou art a swift dromedary traversing her ways.
24 Thou art a wild ass used to the desert, that snuffeth up the
wind in the longing of her soul; in her occasion who can
turn her away? All they that seek her need not weary
25 themselves; in her month they shall find her. Withhold
thy foot from being unshod, and thy throat from thirst.
But thou saidst, 'It is in vain; no; for I love strangers,
'and after them will I go.'
26 As the thief is ashamed when he is found out, so is the
house of Israel put to shame; they, their kings, their
27 princes, and their priests, and their prophets. They say to
a stock of wood, 'Thou art my father;' and to a stone,
'Thou hast brought me forth;' for they have turned their
back unto me, and not their face; but in the time of their
28 trouble they say, 'Arise, and save us.' But where are thy
gods that thou hast made for thee? Let them arise, if they
can save thee in the time of thy trouble; for according to
29 the number of thy cities are thy gods, O Judah. Where-
fore will ye strive with me? Ye have all of you trans-
gressed against me, Jehovah hath said it.
30 In vain have I smitten your children; they did not re-
ceive the correction. Your own sword hath devoured your
31 prophets, like a destroying lion. O generation, ye see the
word of Jehovah. Have I been a desert unto Israel? a land
of darkness? Wherefore say my people, 'We are free; we
32 'will come no more unto thee'? Can a maid forget her
ornaments, or a bride her girdle? yet my people have for-
gotten me days without number.
33 Why trimmest thou thy way to seek love? Therefore
34 hast thou also taught the wicked women thy ways. Also
in thy skirts is found the life-blood of the poor and inno-
cent. Thou didst not find them in the act of breaking in.

Yet for all this thou sayest, 'Because I am innocent, surely 35
'his anger shall turn from me.' Behold, I will have judg-
ment with thee, because thou sayest, 'I have not sinned.'
Why gaddest thou about so much to change thy way? 36
Thou also shalt be ashamed of Lower Egypt, as thou wast
ashamed of Assyria. Yea, thou shalt go forth from him, 37
with thine hands upon thine head; for Jehovah hath re-
jected them in whom thou trustest, and thou shalt not
prosper in them.

It is said, 'If a man put away his wife, and she go from 1
'him, and become another man's, shall he return unto her
'again?' Will not that land be greatly polluted? But
thou hast gone astray after many lovers; and shalt thou
return again to me? Jehovah hath said it.

Lift up thine eyes to the heights, and see; where hast 2
thou not been lain with? In the highways thou hast sat
for them, as the Arab woman in the desert; and thou
hast polluted the land with thy fornications and with thy
wickedness. Therefore the showers have been withheld, 3
and there hath been no latter rain; and thou hadst the
forehead of a harlot, thou refusedst to be ashamed. Wilt 4
thou not from this time cry unto me, 'My father, thou art
'the guide of my youth? Will he retain his anger for ever? 5
'Will he keep it to the end?' Behold, thou hast spoken
and done evil things as thou couldest.

And Jehovah said to me in the days of Josiah the king, 6
Hast thou seen that which backsliding Israel hath done?
She is gone up upon every high mountain and under every
green tree, and there hath played the harlot. And I said, 7
after she had done all these things, 'Return thou unto me.'
But she returned not. And her treacherous sister Judah
saw it. And I saw, when for all the causes whereby 8
backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away,
and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister
Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also.
And it came to pass through the vileness of her fornication, 9
that she defiled the land, and committed adultery with
stones and with stocks of wood. And yet for all this her 10
treacherous sister Judah hath not turned unto me with her
whole heart, but feignedly, Jehovah hath said it.

And Jehovah said to me, The backsliding Israel hath jus- 11
tified herself more than treacherous Judah. Go and pro- 12

claim these words toward the north, and say, Return, thou backsliding Israel, Jehovah hath said it; and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you. For I am merciful, Jehovah hath said it, and I will not keep anger for ever.
13 Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against Jehovah thy God, and hast scattered thy ways to the strangers under every green tree, and ye have
14 not obeyed my voice, Jehovah hath said it. Return, O backsliding children, Jehovah hath said it; for I am married to you; and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family,
15 and I will bring you to Zion. And I will give you shepherds according to mine heart, who shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.
16 And it shall come to pass, when ye be multiplied and increased in the land, in those days, Jehovah hath said it, they shall say no more, 'The ark of the covenant of Jeho-'vah;' neither shall it come to mind; neither shall they remember it; neither shall they visit it; neither shall it
17 be done any more. At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of Jehovah; and all the nations shall be gathered to it, to the name of Jehovah, to Jerusalem; neither shall they walk any more after the stubbornness of their
18 evil heart. In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the North to the land that I gave for an inheritance to your fathers.
19 Then I said, How shall I put thee among the children, and give thee a pleasant land, a glorious heritage of the hosts of nations? And I said, Thou shalt call me, My
20 father; and shalt not turn away from me. Surely as a wife treacherously departeth from her husband, so have ye dealt treacherously with me, O house of Israel, Jehovah hath said it.
21 A voice was heard upon the heights, weeping and supplications of the children of Israel; for they have perverted their way, and they have forgotten Jehovah their God.
22 Return, ye backsliding children, and I will heal your backslidings.
'Behold, we come unto thee; for thou art Jehovah our
23 'God. Truly in vain [do we hope] from the hills, and from 'the multitude of mountains; truly in Jehovah our God
24 'is the salvation of Israel. For shame hath devoured the

'labour of our fathers from our youth; their flocks and
'their herds, their sons and their daughters. We lie down 25
'in our shame, and our confusion covereth us; for we have
'sinned against Jehovah our God, we and our fathers, from
'our youth, even to this day, and have not obeyed the voice
'of Jehovah our God.'

If thou wilt return, O Israel, Jehovah hath said it, wilt 1
return unto me; and if thou wilt put away thine abomi-
nations out of my sight, then shalt thou not be a wanderer.
And thou shalt swear, 'As Jehovah liveth,' in truth, in 2
judgment, and in righteousness; and the nations shall bless
themselves in Him, and in Him shall they glory.

For thus saith Jehovah to the men of Judah and Jeru- 3
salem, Break up your fallow ground, and sow not among
thorns. Circumcise yourselves to Jehovah, and take away 4
the foreskins of your heart, ye men of Judah and inhabit-
ants of Jerusalem; lest my fury come forth like fire, and
burn so that none can quench it, because of the evil of
your doings. Declare ye in Judah, and publish in Jeru- 5
salem; and say, 'Blow ye the trumpet in the land.' Cry
with a full voice, and say, 'Assemble yourselves, and let
'us go into the fenced cities.' Set up the standard toward 6
Zion; flee, stay not; for I will bring evil from the north,
and a great breaking up. The lion [or Babylonian] is come 7
up from his thicket, and the destroyer of nations hath
moved his camp; he is gone forth from his place to make
thy land desolate; and thy cities shall be laid waste, with-
out an inhabitant. Therefore gird you with sackcloth, 8
mourn and howl; for the fierce anger of Jehovah is not
turned away from us. And it shall come to pass at that 9
day, Jehovah hath said it, that the heart of the king [of
Judah] shall perish, and the heart of the princes; and the
priests shall be astonished, and the prophets shall wonder.

Then said I, 'Ah, Lord Jehovah! surely thou hast greatly 10
'deceived this people and Jerusalem, saying, Ye shall have
'peace; whereas the sword reacheth unto the soul.'

At that time shall it be said to this people and to Jeru- 11
salem, A dry wind from the heights in the desert cometh
toward the daughter of my people, not to winnow, nor to
cleanse. Even a wind stronger than this shall come on my 12
behalf. Now also will I give sentence against them.

'Behold, he cometh up as clouds, and his chariots are as 13

'a whirlwind; his horses are swifter than eagles. Woe
14 'unto us! for we are spoiled. O Jerusalem, wash thine
'heart from wickedness, that thou mayest be saved. How
15 'long shall thy vain thoughts lodge within thee? For a
'voice declareth from Dan, and publisheth affliction from
16 'the hill country of Ephraim. Make ye mention to the
'Nations; behold, publish unto Jerusalem, that watchmen
'come from a far country, and they give out their voice
'against the cities of Judah.'

17 As keepers of a field, are they against her round about;
because she hath been rebellious against me, Jehovah hath
18 said it. Thy way and thy doings have procured these
things for thee; this is thy wickedness, because it is bitter,
because it reacheth unto thine heart.

19 'My bowels, my bowels! I am pained at the bottom of
'my heart; my heart maketh a noise within me; I cannot
'hold my peace, because thou hast heard, O my soul, the
20 'sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war. A breaking up
'upon a breaking up is proclaimed; for the whole land
'is spoiled; suddenly are my tents spoiled, and my tent-
21 'curtains in a moment. How long shall I see the standard,
'and hear the sound of the trumpet?'

22 It is because my people is foolish; they have not known
me; they are sottish children, and they have no under-
standing; they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have
no knowledge.

23 'I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form and
24 'void; and the heavens, and they had no light. I beheld
'the mountains, and, lo, they were shaken, and all the hills
25 'trembled. I beheld, and, lo, there was no man, and all
26 'the birds of the heavens were fled. I beheld, and, lo, the
'garden was a desert, and all the cities thereof were broken
'down at the presence of Jehovah, and by his fierce anger.'

27 For thus hath Jehovah said, The whole land shall be
28 desolate; yet will I not make a full end. For this shall
the earth mourn, and the heavens above be darkened; be-
cause I have spoken it, I have purposed it, and I have not
29 repented, neither will I turn back from it. The whole city
shall flee for the noise of the horsemen and bowmen; they
shall go into thick places, and climb up upon the rocks.
Every city shall be forsaken, and not a man shall dwell
30 therein. And when thou art spoiled, what wilt thou do?

Though thou clothest thyself with crimson, though thou
deckest thee with ornaments of gold, though thou injurest
thine eyes with painting, in vain shalt thou make thyself
fair; thy lovers will despise thee, they will seek thy life.
For I heard a voice as of a woman in travail, and the anguish 31
as of her that bringeth forth her first child, the voice of
the daughter of Zion. She gaspeth, she spreadeth her
hands, [saying,] 'Woe is me now! for my soul is wearied
'because of murderers.'

Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and 1
see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof,
if ye can find a man, if there be any that executeth judg-
ment, that seeketh the truth; and I will pardon it. And 2
though they say, 'As Jehovah liveth,' surely they swear
falsely.

'O Jehovah, are not thine eyes upon the truth? Thou 3
'hast stricken them. But they have not grieved. Thou
'hast consumed them. But they have refused to receive
'correction.'

They have made their faces harder than a rock; they
have refused to return. Therefore I said, 'Surely these 4
'are the poor; they act foolishly; because they know not
'the way of Jehovah, nor the judgment of their God.'

I will get me to the great men, and will speak to them; 5
for they have known the way of Jehovah, and the judg-
ment of their God; yet they have altogether broken the yoke,
and burst the bonds. Wherefore a lion out of the forest 6
shall slay them, a wolf of the barren plains shall spoil
them, a leopard shall watch about their cities; every one
that goeth out thence shall be torn in pieces; because their
transgressions are many, and their backslidings are nu-
merous.

How shall I pardon thee for this? Thy children have 7
forsaken me, and sworn by them that are no gods. Though
I bound them by an oath, yet they committed adultery,
and assembled themselves by troops in the harlots' houses.
They were as well-fed horses in the morning; every one 8
neighed after his neighbour's wife. Shall I not punish 9
these things? Jehovah hath said it; and shall not my soul
be avenged on such a nation as this?

Go ye up upon her walls, and destroy; but make not a full 10
end. Take away her branches; for they are not Jehovah's.

11 For the house of Israel and the house of Judah have dealt
12 very treacherously against me, Jehovah hath said it. They
have lied unto Jehovah, and said, 'It is not He; neither
'shall evil come upon us; neither shall we see sword nor
13 'famine; and the prophets are become wind, and the word
'is not in them; thus shall it be done unto them.'
14 Therefore thus saith Jehovah the God of hosts, Because
ye have spoken this word, behold, I will make my words
in thy mouth to be fire, and this people as wood, and it
15 shall devour them. Lo, I will bring a nation [the Baby-
lonians] upon you from far, O house of Israel, Jehovah hath
said it. It is a mighty nation, it is an ancient nation, a
nation whose language thou knowest not, neither under-
16 standest thou what they say. Their quiver is as an open
17 sepulchre, they are all warriors. And they shall eat up thine
harvest, and thy bread, which thy sons and thy daughters
should eat; they shall eat up thy flocks and thine herds;
they shall eat up thy vines and thy fig trees; they shall
break down thy fenced cities, wherein thou trustedst, with
18 the sword. Nevertheless in those days, Jehovah hath said
19 it, I will not make a full end with you. And it shall come
to pass, when ye shall say, 'Wherefore doeth Jehovah our
'God all these things unto us?' then shalt thou answer
them, 'Like as ye have forsaken me, and served foreign
'gods in your land, so shall ye serve strangers in a land
'that is not yours.'
20 Declare this in the house of Jacob, and publish it in
21 Judah saying, Hear now this, O foolish people, and with-
out heart; who have eyes, and see not; who have ears, and
22 hear not. Do ye not fear me? Jehovah hath said it. Will
ye not tremble at my presence, who placed the sand for the
boundary of the sea by a perpetual decree, that it cannot
pass over it; and though the waves thereof toss them-
selves, yet can they not prevail; though they roar, yet can
23 they not pass over it? But this people hath a revolting
24 and a rebellious heart; they are revolted and gone. Neither
say they in their heart, 'Let us now fear Jehovah our God,
'who giveth rain, both the early and the latter, in its
'season; he reserveth unto us the appointed weeks of
25 'the harvest.' Your iniquities have turned away these
things, and your sins have withheld good things from you.
26 For among my people are found wicked men. They lay

wait, as he that setteth snares; they set a trap, they catch men. As a cage is full of birds, so are their houses full of 27
deceit; therefore they are become great, and wax rich. They wax fat, they shine; yea, they overpass the deeds of 28
the wicked; they judge not the cause, the cause of the fatherless, yet they prosper; and the right of the needy do they not judge. Shall I not punish these things? Jehovah 29
hath said it. Shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this? A wonderful and a horrible thing is done 30
in the land; the prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests 31
bear rule under their orders; and my people love to have it so; and what will ye do in the end thereof?

Flee, O ye children of Benjamin, out of the midst of 1
Jerusalem, and blow the trumpet in Tekoa, and set up a fire-signal in Beth-haccerem; for evil appeareth out of the north, and great destruction. I will destroy the 2
comely and delicate daughter of Zion. The shepherds with 3
their flocks shall come upon her; they shall pitch their tents against her round about; they shall feed every one as his hand is able. They consecrate the war against her, 4
[saying,] 'Arise, and let us go up at noon.' Woe unto us! for the day goeth away, for the shadows of the evening are stretched out. 'Arise, and let us go by night, and let us 5
'destroy her castles.'

For thus saith Jehovah of hosts, Hew ye down her trees, 6
and cast a siege-mound against Jerusalem. This is the city to be punished; she is wholly oppression in the midst of her. As a fountain casteth out her waters, so she casteth 7
out her wickedness; violence and spoil is heard in her; before me continually is disease and wounds. Be thou in- 8
structed, O Jerusalem, lest my soul be separated from thee; lest I make thee desolate, a land not inhabited. Thus saith 9
Jehovah of hosts, They shall thoroughly glean the remnant of Israel as a vine; turn back thine hand as a grape-gatherer to the baskets.

'To whom shall I speak, and give warning, that they 10
'may hear? Behold, their ear is uncircumcised, and they 'cannot hearken; behold, the word of Jehovah is unto them 'a reproach; they have no delight in it.' Therefore I am 11
full of the wrath of Jehovah; I am weary with holding in. I will pour it out upon the children abroad, and upon the assembly of young men together; for even the hus-

band with the wife shall be taken, the aged with him that
12 is full of days. And their houses shall be turned unto
others, with their fields and wives together. For I will
stretch out my hand upon the inhabitants of the land, Jeho-
13 vah hath said it. For from the least of them even unto
the greatest of them every one is greedy of gain; and from
the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely.
14 They heal also the wound of the daughter of my people
slightly, saying, 'Peace, peace;' when there is no peace.
15 Were they ashamed when they had committed abomina-
tion? Nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither knew
they how to blush; therefore they shall fall among them
that fall. At the time that I visit them they shall be cast
down, saith Jehovah.

16 Thus saith Jehovah, Stand ye in the ways, and see,
and ask for the old paths, 'Where is the good way?' and
walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But
17 they said, 'We will not walk therein.' Also I set watch-
men over you, [to say,] 'Hearken to the sound of the
'trumpet.' But they said, 'We will not hearken.'

18 Therefore hearken, ye nations, and know, O congrega-
19 tion, what is among them. Hear, O earth; behold, I will
bring evil upon this people, even the fruit of their own
thoughts, because they have not hearkened unto my words,
20 nor to my law, but have rejected it. To what purpose
cometh there to me incense from Sheba, and the sweet
cane from a far country? Your burnt offerings are not
acceptable, and your sacrifices are not sweet unto me.
21 Therefore thus saith Jehovah, Behold, I will lay stumbling-
blocks before this people, and the fathers and the sons
shall stumble over them together; the neighbour and his
friend shall perish.

22 Thus saith Jehovah, Behold, a people cometh from the
north country, and a great nation shall be raised up from
23 the end of the earth. They shall lay hold on bow and
spear; they are cruel, and have no mercy; their voice
roareth like the sea; and they ride upon horses, they are
set in array as men for war against thee, O daughter of
Zion.

24 'We have heard the fame thereof; our hands wax feeble;
'anguish hath taken hold of us, and pain, as of a woman
'in travail.'

Go not forth into the field, nor walk by the highway; 25
for the sword of the enemy and terror is on all sides. O 26
daughter of my people, gird thyself with sackcloth, and
roll thyself in ashes; make to thee mourning, as for an
only son, most bitter grieving; for the spoiler will come
upon us suddenly.

I have set thee for a trier among my people, an assayer, 27
that thou mayest know and try their way. They are all 28
grievous revolters, walking with slanders, like copper and
iron; they all act corruptly. The bellows are burned, the 29
lead is consumed by the fire; the refiner refineth in vain;
for the wicked are not plucked away. Refuse silver shall 30
men call them, because Jehovah hath rejected them.

THE WORD THAT CAME TO JEREMIAH from Jehovah, say- 1
ing, Stand at the gate of Jehovah's House, and proclaim 2
there this word, and say, Hear the word of Jehovah, all ye
of Judah, that enter in at these gates to worship Jehovah.
Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, Amend 3
your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell
in this place. Trust ye not in lying words, saying, 'The 4
'temple of Jehovah, The temple of Jehovah, The temple
'of Jehovah, are these.' For if ye thoroughly amend your 5
ways and your doings; if ye thoroughly execute judgment
between a man and his neighbour; if ye oppress not the 6
stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and shed not inno-
cent blood in this place; neither walk after other gods to
your hurt; then will I cause you to dwell in this place, in 7
the land that I gave to your fathers, for ever and for ever.

Behold, ye trust in lying words, that cannot profit. Will 8
ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, 9
and burn incense unto Baal, and walk after other gods
whom ye know not? And will ye come and stand before 10
me in this House, which is called by my name, and say,
'We have been saved in order to do all these abomina-
'tions'? Is this House, which is called by my name, be- 11
come a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, even I have
seen it, Jehovah hath said it. But go ye now to my Place 12
which was in Shiloh, where I caused my Name to dwell at
first, and see what I did to it for the wickedness of my
people Israel. And now, because ye have done all these 13
works, Jehovah hath said it, and I spake to you, rising up
early and speaking, but ye heard not; and I called you,

14 but ye answered not; therefore will I do to this House,
which is called by my name, wherein ye trust, and unto
the Place which I have given to you and to your fathers,
15 as I did to Shiloh. And I will cast you out of my pre-
sence, as I cast out all your brethren, even the whole seed
of Ephraim.
16 Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up
cry nor prayer for them, neither make intercession to me;
17 for I will not hear thee. Seest thou not what they do in
18 the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem? The
children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and
the women knead their dough, to make cakes to the Queen
of Heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto other gods,
19 so that they may provoke me to anger. Do they provoke
me to anger? Jehovah hath said it. Do they not provoke
20 themselves to the confusion of their own faces? Therefore
thus saith the Lord Jehovah; Behold, mine anger and my
wrath shall be poured out upon this place, upon man, and
upon beast, and upon the trees of the field, and upon the
fruit of the ground; and it shall burn, and shall not be
quenched.
21 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel; Put
your burnt offerings unto your sacrifices [or peace offerings],
22 and eat the flesh. For I spake not to your fathers, nor
commanded them in the day that I brought them out of
the land of Lower Egypt, concerning burnt offerings or
23 sacrifices. But this thing commanded I them, saying,
'Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be
'my people; and walk ye in all the ways that I have com-
24 'manded you, that it may be well unto you.' But they
hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the
counsels and in the stubbornness of their evil heart, and
25 went backward, and not forward. Since the day that your
fathers came forth out of the land of Lower Egypt unto
this day I have even sent unto you all my servants the
26 prophets, daily rising up early and sending them; yet they
hearkened not to me, nor inclined their ear, but hardened
27 their neck. They did worse than their fathers. Therefore
thou shalt speak all these words unto them; but they will
not hearken to thee; thou shalt also call to them; but
28 they will not answer thee. And thou shalt say to them,
'This is a nation that obeyeth not the voice of Jehovah

'their God, nor receiveth correction.' Truth is perished, and is cut off from their mouth.

Cut off thine hair as a Nazarite, [O Jerusalem,] and cast 29
it away, and take up a lamentation on the heights; for Jehovah hath rejected and forsaken the generation of his wrath. For the children of Judah have done evil in my 30
sight, Jehovah hath saith it. They have set their abominations in the House which is called by my name, to pollute it. And they have built the High Places [or altars] of 31
Tophet, which is in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire; which I commanded them not, neither came it into my heart. Therefore, behold, the days come, Jehovah hath said it, 32
that it shall no more be called Tophet, nor the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, but the Valley of Slaughter; for they shall bury in Tophet, for want of space. And the carcases 33
of this people shall be food for the fowls of the heavens, and for the beasts of the earth; and none shall frighten them away. Then will I cause to cease from the cities of 34
Judah, and from the streets of Jerusalem, the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride; for the land shall be desolate.

At that time, Jehovah hath said it, they shall bring 1
out the bones of the kings of Judah, and the bones of its princes, and the bones of the priests, and the bones of the prophets, and the bones of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, out of their graves; and they shall spread them before the 2
sun, and the moon, and all the host of the heavens, which they have loved, and which they have served, and after which they have walked, and which they have inquired of, and which they have worshipped; they shall not be gathered, nor be buried; they shall be for dung upon the face of the earth. And death shall be chosen rather than 3
life by all the residue of them that remain of this evil family, which remain in all the places whither I have driven them, Jehovah of hosts hath said it.

Moreover thou shalt say to them, Thus saith Jehovah; 4
Shall they fall, and not arise? shall he turn away, and not return? Why is this people of Jerusalem slidden back by 5
a complete backsliding? They hold fast deceit, they refuse to return. I hearkened and heard, but they spake not 6

aright. No man repented him of his wickedness, saying,
'What have I done?' Every one returned to his course,
7 as the horse rusheth into the battle. Yea, the stork in the
heavens knoweth her appointed times; and the turtle-dove
and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their
coming; but my people know not the judgment of Jehovah.
8 How do ye say, 'We are wise, and the Law of Jehovah
'is with us'? Lo, certainly in vain he made it; the pen
9 of the scribes hath been in vain. The wise men are
ashamed, they are dismayed and taken; lo, they have re-
jected the word of Jehovah; and what wisdom is there in
10 them? Therefore will I give their wives to others, and
their fields to them that shall seize upon them. For every
one from the least even unto the greatest is greedy of gain,
from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth
11 falsely. For they have healed the wound of the daughter
of my people slightly, saying, 'Peace, peace;' when there
is no peace.
12 Were they ashamed when they had committed abomin-
ation? Nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither knew
they how to blush. Therefore shall they fall among them
that fall; in the time of their visitation they shall be cast
13 down, saith Jehovah. I will surely pluck them off, Jehovah
hath said it; there shall be no grapes on the vine, nor figs
on the fig tree, and the leaf shall fade; and I will send some
[the Babylonians] that shall pass over them.
14 Why do we sit still? Assemble yourselves, and let us
enter into the fenced cities, and let us be silent there; for
Jehovah our God hath put us to silence, and given us
water of hemlock to drink, because we have sinned against
15 Jehovah. We looked for peace, but there is no good; and
16 for a time of health, and behold terror! The snorting of
his horses was heard from Dan; the whole land trembled
at the sound of the shouting of his strong ones; for they
are come, and have devoured the land, and all that is in it;
17 the city, and those that dwell therein. For, behold, I send
serpents, vipers, among you, against which there is no
charm, and they shall bite you, Jehovah hath said it.
18 OH FOR CONSOLATION in my sorrow! my heart is faint
19 within me. Behold the voice of the cry of the daughter
of my people from the land of them that dwell afar off,

[saying,] 'Is not Jehovah in Zion? Is not her king in
'her?'

Why have they provoked me to anger with their graven
images, and with foreign vanities?

'The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are
'not saved.'

By the wound of the daughter of my people am I
wounded; I am made to mourn; astonishment hath taken
hold on me. Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no phy-
sician there? why then is not the health of the daughter
of my people recovered? Oh that my head were waters,
and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day
and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!

Oh that I had in the desert a lodging place of wayfaring
men; that I might leave my people, and go from them!
for they are all adulterers, an assembly of treacherous men.
And they bend their tongues like their bow for lies; but
they are not valiant for the truth upon the earth; for they
go on from evil to evil, and they know not me, Jehovah
hath said it.

Take ye heed every one of his neighbour, and trust ye
not in any brother; for every brother will utterly supplant,
and every neighbour will walk with slanders. And they
will deceive every one his neighbour, and will not speak
the truth; they have taught their tongue to speak lies;
they weary themselves in doing iniquity. Thy habitation
is in the midst of deceit; through deceit they refuse to
know me, Jehovah hath said it.

Therefore thus saith Jehovah of hosts, Behold, I will
melt them, and try them; for how shall I do for the
daughter of my people? Their tongue is as a deadly arrow;
it speaketh deceit. One speaketh peaceably to his neigh-
bour with his mouth, but in his heart he layeth his snares.
Shall I not punish them for these things? Jehovah hath
said it; shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation
as this? I will take up a weeping and wailing for the
mountains, and for the pastures of the desert a lamentation,
because they are burned up, so that none can pass through
them; neither can men hear the voice of cattle; from the
fowl of the heavens even to the beast they are fled; they
are gone. And I will make Jerusalem a heap of ruins, and

a den of jackals; and I will make the cities of Judah desolate, without an inhabitant.

12 'Who is the wise man, that may understand this? And 'who is he to whom the mouth of Jehovah hath spoken, 'that he may declare it? For what cause is it that the 'land perisheth and is burned up like the desert, so that 13 'none passeth through?' And Jehovah saith, It is because they have forsaken my Law which I set before them, and 14 have not obeyed my voice, neither walked therein; but have walked after the stubbornness of their own heart, and after 15 Baal, which their fathers taught them. Therefore thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will feed them, even this people, with wormwood, and give them 16 water of hemlock to drink. I will scatter them also among nations, whom neither they nor their fathers have known; and I will send a sword after them, till I have consumed them.

17 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, Consider ye, and call for women who sing lamentations, that they may come; and 18 send for cunning women, that they may come. And let them make haste, and raise up a wailing for us, that our eyes may run down with tears, and our eyelids gush 19 out with water. For a voice of wailing is heard out of Zion, 'How are we spoiled! We are greatly confounded, 'because we are leaving the land, because our dwellings 20 'have cast us out.' Yet hear the word of Jehovah, O ye women, and let your ear receive the word of his mouth, and teach your daughters wailing, and every woman her 21 neighbour a lamentation. For death is come up into our windows, it is entered into our castles, to cut off the children from without, and the young men from the broad 22 places. Say, 'Thus hath Jehovah said;' and the carcases of men shall fall as dung upon the open field, and as the handful after the harvestman, and none shall gather them in.

23 Thus saith Jehovah, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, 24 let not the rich man glory in his riches; but let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am Jehovah who exercise loving-kindness, judgment, and righteousness, on the earth; for in these things I delight, Jehovah hath said it.

25 Behold, the days will come, Jehovah hath said it, that

I will punish all them which are circumcised with the uncircumcised; Egypt, and Judah, and Edom, and the children of Ammon, and Moab, and all that are shorn on the cheek, that dwell in the desert; for all these nations are uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel are uncircumcised in the heart.

HEAR YE THE WORD which Jehovah speaketh to you, O house of Israel. Thus saith Jehovah, Learn not the way of the Nations, and be not dismayed at the signs of the heavens; for the Nations are dismayed at them. For the customs of the people are vain; for they cut a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe. They ornament it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it tumble not. They are as the palm tree column, and speak not. They must needs be carried, because they cannot walk. Be not afraid of them; for they cannot do evil, neither also is it in them to do good. Forasmuch as there is none like unto thee, O Jehovah; thou art great, and thy name is great in might. Who would not fear thee, O King of nations? for to thee doth it appertain; forasmuch as among all the wise men of the nations, and in all their kingdoms, there is none like unto thee. But they are at once both brutish and foolish; the stock of wood is a doctrine of vanities. Silver spread into plates is brought from Tarshish, and gold from Ophaz, the work of the workman, and of the hands of the metal-founder; blue and purple is their clothing; they are all the work of cunning men. But Jehovah is the true God, he is the God of the living, and a king for ever. At his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation.

* (Thus shall ye say to them, The gods that have not
* made the heavens and the earth, even they shall perish
* from the earth, and from under these heavens.)

He made the earth by his power, he established the world by his wisdom, and stretched out the heavens by his understanding. When he uttereth his voice, there is a tumult of waters in the heavens, and he causeth the clouds to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings for the rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures. Every man is brutish without knowledge; every metal-founder is put to shame by the graven image; for his

molten image is falsehood, and there is no breath in them.
15 They are vanity, and the work of delusions; in the time
16 when they are visited they shall perish. The portion of Jacob is not like them. For He is the former of all things; and Israel is the rod of his inheritance; Jehovah of hosts is his name.

17 GATHER UP THY WARES out of the land, O inhabitant of
18 the fortress. For thus saith Jehovah, Behold, I will sling out the inhabitants of the land at this once, and will dis-
19 tress them, that they may find it so. 'Woe is me for my 'hurt! my wound is grievous. But I said, Truly this is
20 'a grief, and I must bear it. My tent is spoiled, and all 'my cords are broken. My children are gone forth from 'me, and they are not; there is none to stretch forth my
21 'tent any more, and to set up my tent-curtains. For the 'shepherds are become brutish, and have not sought Jeho-'vah. Therefore they shall not prosper, and all their flocks
22 'shall be scattered. Behold, the noise of the tidings is 'come, and a great commotion out of the north country, to 'make the cities of Judah desolate, and a den of jackals.
23 'O Jehovah, I know that the way of man is not in himself; 'it is not in man that walketh to direct his own steps.
24 'O Jehovah, correct me, but with judgment; not in thine
25 'anger, lest thou bring me to nothing. Pour out thy wrath 'upon the nations that know thee not, and upon the fami-'lies that call not on thy name; for they have eaten up 'Jacob, and devoured him, and have consumed him, and 'have made his habitation desolate.'

1 THE WORD THAT CAME TO JEREMIAH from Jehovah, saying,
2 Hear ye the words of this Covenant, and speak ye unto the
3 men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and say thou to them, Thus saith Jehovah the God of Israel; Cursed be the man that obeyeth not the words of this
4 Covenant, which I commanded your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Lower Egypt, from the iron furnace, saying, 'Obey my voice, and do these 'things, according to all which I command you; so shall
5 'ye be my people, and I will be your God; so that I may 'perform the oath which I have sworn unto your fathers, 'to give them a land flowing with milk and honey, as it 'is this day.' Then answered I, and said, 'So be it, O 'Jehovah.'

Then Jehovah said to me, Proclaim all these words in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, saying, 'Hear ye the words of this Covenant, and do them.' For I earnestly protested to your fathers in the day that I brought them up out of the land of Lower Egypt, even unto this day, rising up early and protesting, saying, 'Obey 'my voice.' Yet they obeyed not, nor inclined their ear, but walked every one in the stubbornness of their evil heart. Therefore I will bring upon them all the words of this Covenant which I commanded them to do; but they did them not.

And Jehovah said to me, A conspiracy is found among the men of Judah, and among the inhabitants of Jerusalem. They are turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers, who refused to hear my words; and they went after other gods to serve them. The house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken my Covenant which I made with their fathers. Therefore thus saith Jehovah, Behold, I will bring evil upon them, which they shall not be able to escape; and though they shall cry unto me, I will not hearken unto them. Then shall the cities of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem go, and cry unto the gods to whom they offer incense; but they shall not save them at all in the time of their trouble. For according to the number of thy cities were thy gods, O Judah; and according to the number of the streets of Jerusalem have ye set up altars to shame, even altars to burn incense unto Baal.

Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up a cry or prayer for them; for I will not hear them in the time that they cry unto me for their trouble. What hast thou, my beloved, to do in my House, which hath wrought wicked devices with many?

And the holy flesh is passed from thee. When thou doest evil, then thou rejoicest. Jehovah called thy name, A green olive tree, fair, and of goodly fruit; with the noise of a great tumult he hath kindled fire upon it, and the branches of it are broken. For Jehovah of hosts, who planted thee, hath pronounced evil against thee, because of the evil of the house of Israel and of the house of Judah, which they have done against themselves to provoke me to anger in offering incense unto Baal.

And Jehovah hath given me knowledge of it, and I know

19 it; and thou shewedst me their doings. But I was like a
lamb or an ox that is brought to the slaughter; and I
knew not that they had devised devices against me, [say-
ing,] 'Let us destroy the tree with the fruit thereof, and
'let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his
20 'name may be no more remembered.' But, O Jehovah of
hosts, that judgest righteously, that triest the reins and the
heart, let me see thy vengeance on them; for unto thee
have I revealed my cause.
21 Therefore thus saith Jehovah against the men of Ana-
thoth, that seek thy life, saying, 'Prophesy not in the
22 'name of Jehovah, lest thou die by our hand;' therefore
thus saith Jehovah of hosts, Behold, I will punish them;
the young men shall die by the sword; their sons and their
23 daughters shall die by famine; and there shall be no rem-
nant of them; for I will bring evil upon the men of
Anathoth, even the year when they shall be visited.
12 1 'Righteous art thou, O Jehovah, when I plead with
'thee; yet let me talk with thee of thy judgments. Where-
'fore doth the way of the wicked prosper? wherefore are
2 'all they happy that deal treacherously? Thou hast planted
'them, yea, they have taken root; they grow, yea, they
'bring forth fruit. Thou art near in their mouth, but far
3 'from their reins. But thou, O Jehovah, knowest me;
'thou hast seen me, and tried mine heart toward thee.
'Separate them like sheep for the slaughter, and consecrate
4 'them for the day of slaying. How long shall the land
'mourn, and the herbs of every field wither, for the wicked-
'ness of them that dwell therein? The cattle are con-
'sumed, and the birds; because they said, He shall not see
'our last end.'
5 If thou hast run with men on foot, and they have wearied
thee, then how canst thou rival horses? And if thou
trustedst in the land of peace, then how wilt thou do in
6 the pride of the Jordan? For even thy brethren, and the
house of thy father, even they have dealt treacherously
with thee; yea, they have called a multitude after thee.
Believe them not, though they speak fair words unto thee.
7 I have forsaken my house, I have left my heritage; I
have given the love of my soul into the hand of her ene-
8 mies. My heritage is to me as a lion in the forest; it
raiseth its voice against me; therefore have I hated it.

My heritage is to me as a ravenous hyena; the ravenous animals round about are against her. Come ye, assemble all ye wild beasts of the field, make them come to devour. Many shepherds have destroyed my vineyard, they have trodden my portion under foot, they have made my pleasant portion a desolate desert. They have made it desolate unto desolation. The whole land mourneth over me, being made desolate, because no man layeth it to heart. The spoilers are come upon all the heights in the desert; for the sword of Jehovah devoureth from the one end of the land even to the other end of the land; no flesh hath peace. They have sown wheat, but shall reap thorns; they have put themselves to pain, but shall not profit; and they shall be ashamed of your harvest because of the fierce anger of Jehovah.

Thus saith Jehovah against all mine evil neighbours, that touch the inheritance which I have caused my people Israel to inherit; Behold, I will pluck them out of their land, and pluck out the house of Judah from among them. And it shall come to pass, after that I have plucked them out I will return, and have compassion on them, and will bring them back again, every man to his heritage, and every man to his land. And it shall come to pass, if they will diligently learn the ways of my people, to swear by my name, 'As Jehovah liveth;' like as they taught my people to swear by Baal; then shall they be built up in the midst of my people. But if they will not obey, I will utterly pluck up and destroy that nation, Jehovah hath said it.

Thus saith Jehovah to me, 'Go and get thee a linen 'girdle, and put it upon thy loins; and put it not into 'water.' So I got a girdle according to the word of Jehovah, and put it on my loins. And the word of Jehovah came to me the second time, saying, 'Take the girdle that 'thou hast got, which is upon thy loins, and arise, go to 'the Euphrates, and hide it there in a hole of the rock.' So I went and hid it by the Euphrates, as Jehovah commanded me. And it came to pass after many days, that Jehovah said to me, 'Arise, go to the Euphrates, and take 'the girdle from thence, which I commanded thee to hide 'there.' Then I went to the Euphrates, and digged, and took the girdle from the place where I had hid it; and, behold, the girdle was marred, it was profitable for nothing.

8 Then the word of Jehovah came to me, saying, Thus
9 saith Jehovah, After this manner will I mar the pride of
10 Judah, and the great pride of Jerusalem. This evil people, who refuse to hear my words, who walk in the stubbornness of their heart, and walk after other gods, to serve them, and to worship them, shall even be as this girdle, which is
11 good for nothing. For as the girdle cleaveth to the loins of a man, so I caused to cleave unto me the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah, Jehovah hath said it; that they might be unto me for a people, and for a name, and for a praise, and for a glory; but they would not hear.

12 And thou shalt speak to them this word; Thus saith Jehovah the God of Israel, 'Every bottle shall be filled 'with wine.' And they shall say to thee, 'Do we not cer-'tainly know that every bottle shall be filled with wine?'
13 Then shalt thou say to them, Thus saith Jehovah, Behold, I will fill all the inhabitants of this land, even the kings that sit upon David's throne, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, with drunken-
14 ness. And I will dash them one against another, even the fathers and the sons together, Jehovah hath said it. I will not pity, nor spare, nor have mercy, but destroy them.

15 Hear ye, and give ear; be not proud; for Jehovah
16 hath spoken. Give glory to Jehovah your God, before he cause darkness, and before your feet stumble in the dark upon the mountains, lest while ye look for light, he turn it into the shadow of death, and make it gross darkness.
17 But if ye will not hear this, my soul shall weep in secret places for your pride; and mine eye shall weep sore, and run down with tears, because Jehovah's flock is carried
18 away captive. Say to the king [Jehoiakim] and to the queen, 'Humble yourselves, sit down; for from your head
19 'shall come down the crown of your glory.' The cities of the south shall be shut up, and none shall open. Judah shall be carried away captive all of it, it shall be wholly carried
20 away captive. Lift up your eyes, and behold [the Babylonians] that come from the north. Where is the flock
21 that was given thee, thy beautiful flock? What wilt thou say when he shall punish thee? For thou hast taught them to be captains, and as chief over thee. Shall not
22 pains seize thee, as a woman in travail? And if thou say

in thine heart, 'Wherefore come these things upon me?' For the greatness of thine iniquity are thy skirts uncovered, and thy heels violently seized.

Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also be able to do good, that are accustomed to do evil. Therefore will I scatter them as the chaff that passeth away by the wind of the desert. This is thy lot, the portion of thy measures from me, Jehovah hath said it; because thou hast forgotten me, and trusted in falsehood. Therefore will I lift up thy skirts upon thy face, that thy shame may appear. I have seen thine adulteries, and thy neighings, the lewdness of thy fornication, thine abominations on the hills in the fields. Alas for thee, O Jerusalem! wilt thou not be made clean? until when shall it be?

THE WORD OF JEHOVAH that came to Jeremiah on occasion of THE DROUGHT. Judah mourneth, and the city gates thereof languish; they are made to mourn unto the ground; and the cry of Jerusalem is gone up. And their nobles have sent their young men for water; they came to the pits, and found no water; they returned with their vessels empty; they were ashamed and confounded, and covered their heads. Because the ground is broken up, for there was no rain in the earth, the plowmen were ashamed, they covered their heads. Yea, the hind also calved in the field, and forsook its young, because there was no grass. And the wild asses did stand on the heights, they snuffed up the wind like the jackals; their eyes did fail, because there was no grass.

O Jehovah, though our iniquities testify against us, do thou do it for thy name's sake; for our backslidings are many; we have sinned against thee. O thou hope of Israel, the saviour thereof in time of trouble, why shouldest thou be as a stranger in the land, and as a wayfaring man that turneth aside to tarry for a night? Why shouldest thou be as a man astonished, as a warrior that cannot save? Yet thou, O Jehovah, art in the midst of us, and we are called by thy name; leave us not.

Thus saith Jehovah to this people, Thus have they loved to wander, they have not refrained their feet, therefore Jehovah is not pleased with them; he will now remember their iniquity, and will visit their sins. And Jehovah said

12 to me, Pray not for this people for their good. When they
fast, I will not hear their cry; and when they offer burnt
offering and meal offering, I will not accept them; but I
will consume them by the sword, and by the famine, and
by the pestilence.

13 Then said I, 'Ah, Lord Jehovah! behold, the prophets
'say to them, Ye shall not see the sword, neither shall ye
'have famine; but I will give you assured peace in this
14 'place.' Then Jehovah said unto me, The prophets pro-
phesy lies in my name. I sent them not, neither have I
commanded them, neither spake I unto them. They pro-
phesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing
15 of nought, and the deceit of their heart. Therefore thus
saith Jehovah concerning the prophets that prophesy in
my name, and I sent them not, yet they say, 'Sword and
'famine shall not be in this land;' By sword and famine
16 shall those prophets be consumed. And the people to
whom they prophesy shall be cast out in the streets of Jeru-
salem because of the famine and the sword; and they shall
have none to bury them, them, their wives, nor their sons,
nor their daughters; for I will pour their wickedness upon
them.

17 Therefore thou shalt say this word to them; Let mine
eyes run down with tears night and day, and let them not
cease; for the virgin daughter of my people is broken with
18 a great breach, with a very grievous blow. If I go forth
into the field, then behold the slain with the sword! and
if I enter into the city, then behold the diseases through
famine! yea, both the prophet and the priest wander forth
19 into a land that they know not. Hast thou utterly rejected
Judah? Hath thy soul loathed Zion? Why hast thou
smitten us, and there is no healing for us? We looked for
peace, and there is no good; and for a time of health, and
20 behold terror! We acknowledge, O Jehovah, our wicked-
ness, and the iniquity of our fathers; for we have sinned
21 against thee. Do not abhor us, for thy name's sake, do
not disgrace the throne of thy glory. Remember, break
22 not thy covenant with us. Are there any among the Vani-
ties of the Nations that can cause rain? or can the heavens
give showers? Art not thou He, O Jehovah our God?
Therefore we will wait upon thee; for thou hast made all
these things.

Then said Jehovah to me, Though Moses and Samuel
stood before me, yet my mind could not be toward this
people. Cast them out of my sight, and let them go forth.
And it shall come to pass, if they say to thee, 'Whither shall
'we go forth?' then thou shalt tell them, Thus saith Jeho-
vah; 'Such as are for death, to death; and such as are
'for the sword, to the sword; and such as are for the
'famine, to the famine; and such as are for the captivity, to
'the captivity.' And I will appoint over them four kinds,
Jehovah hath said it; the sword to slay, and the dogs to
tear, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the
earth, to devour and destroy. And I will give them up
to hard treatment in all kingdoms of the earth, because
of Manasseh the son of Hezekiah king of Judah, for that
which he did in Jerusalem. For who will have pity upon
thee, O Jerusalem? or who will bemoan thee? or who will
go aside to ask after thy health? Thou hast forsaken me,
Jehovah hath said it, thou art gone backward; therefore
will I stretch out my hand against thee, and destroy thee;
I am weary with repenting. And I will winnow them
with a fan at the city gates of the land; I will bereave
them of children, I will destroy my people, since they
return not from their ways. Their widows shall be in-
creased to me above the sand of the ocean. I will bring
upon them, even against the mother of the young men, a
spoiler at noonday; I will cause anguish and terrors to fall
upon her suddenly. She that hath borne seven languisheth;
she hath breathed out her soul; her sun is gone down
while it was yet day; she hath been ashamed and con-
founded. And the residue of them will I deliver to the
sword before their enemies, Jehovah hath said it.

'Woe is me, my mother, that thou hast borne me a man
'of strife and a man of contention to the whole earth! I
'have neither lent on usury, nor men have lent to me; yet
'every one of them doth curse me.'

Jehovah said, Truly thy beginning shall turn to good;
truly I will cause the enemy to be a suppliant to thee in
the time of evil and in the time of affliction.

'Shall iron, shall iron from the North and copper be
'broken?'

Thy substance and thy treasures will I give up to plunder
without price, even for all thy sins, even in all thy borders.

14 And I will make thee to pass with thine enemies into a
land which thou knowest not. For a fire is kindled in
mine anger, which shall burn upon you.
15 'O Jehovah, thou knowest. Remember me, and visit
'me, and revenge me on my persecutors; take me not away
'in the slowness of thine anger. Know that for thy sake
16 'I have suffered rebuke. Thy words were found, and I
'did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and
['rejoicing of my heart. For I am called by thy name, O
17 'Jehovah God of hosts. I sat not in the assembly of the
'mockers, nor rejoiced; I sat apart from them because of
18 'thy hand; for thou hast filled me with indignation. Why
'is my pain perpetual, and my wound incurable, which
'refuseth to be healed? Wilt thou surely be unto me as
'a false stream, whose waters are not real?'
19 Therefore thus saith Jehovah, If thou return, then will
I bring thee again, and thou shalt stand before me; and if
thou put forth the precious from the vile, thou shalt be as
my mouth. They shall return unto thee; but return not
20 thou unto them. And I will make thee against this people
a fenced wall of copper; and they shall fight against thee,
but they shall not prevail against thee; for I am with thee
to save thee and to deliver thee, Jehovah hath said it.
21 And I will deliver thee out of the hand of the wicked, and
I will redeem thee out of the grasp of the terrible ones.
1 THE WORD OF JEHOVAH came also to me, saying, Thou shalt
2 not take to thee a wife, neither shalt thou have sons or
3 daughters in this place. For thus saith Jehovah concern-
ing the sons and concerning the daughters that are born in
this place, and concerning their mothers that bare them,
and concerning their fathers that begat them in this
4 land; They shall die of grievous deaths; they shall not be
mourned for; neither shall they be buried; they shall be
as dung upon the face of the earth. And they shall be
consumed by the sword, and by famine; and their carcases
shall be food for the fowls of the heavens, and for the beasts
of the earth.
5 For thus saith Jehovah, Enter not into the house of
lamentation, neither go to mourn nor bemoan them; for I
have taken away my peace from this people, Jehovah hath
6 said it, even loving-kindness and mercies. Both the great
and the small shall die in this land. They shall not be

buried, neither shall men mourn for them, nor cut themselves, nor make themselves bald for them. Neither shall men break bread with them in mourning, to comfort them for the dead; neither shall men give them the cup of consolation to drink for their father or for their mother. Thou shalt not also go into the house of drinking feasts, to sit with them to eat and to drink. For thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will cause to cease out of this place in your eyes, and in your days, the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride.

And it shall come to pass, when thou shalt shew this people all these words, and they shall say to thee, 'Wherefore hath Jehovah pronounced all this great evil against 'us? or what is our iniquity? or what is our sin that we 'have committed against Jehovah our God?' then shalt thou say to them, Because your fathers have forsaken me, Jehovah hath said it, and have walked after other gods, and have served them, and have worshipped them, and have forsaken me, and have not kept my law; and ye have done worse than your fathers; for, behold, ye walk every one after the stubbornness of his evil heart, that they may not hearken unto me. Therefore will I cast you out of this land into a land that ye know not, neither ye nor your fathers; and there shall ye serve other gods day and night; where I will not shew you favour.

(Therefore, behold, the days come, Jehovah hath said it, that it shall no more be said, 'As Jehovah liveth, that 'brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Lower 'Egypt;' but, 'As Jehovah liveth, that brought up the 'children of Israel from the land of the North, and from all 'the lands whither he had driven them.' And I will bring them back again into their land that I gave unto their fathers.)

Behold, I will send for many fishers, Jehovah hath said it, and they shall fish them; and afterwards will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks. For mine eyes are upon all their ways; they are not hidden from my face, neither is their iniquity hidden from mine eyes. And first I will repay their iniquity and their sin to the double; because they have defiled my land, with the

carcases of their detestable and abominable things they have filled mine inheritance.

19 'O Jehovah, my strength, and my fortress, and my refuge
'in the day of affliction, the Nations shall come unto thee
'from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Surely our
'fathers have inherited lies, vanity, and things wherein
'there is no profit.'

20 Shall a man make gods for himself, and they are no
21 gods? Therefore, behold, I will this once cause them to know, I will cause them to know my hand and my might; and they shall know that my name is Jehovah.

1 The sin of Judah is written with a pen of iron, and with the point of a diamond; it is engraven on the table of their
2 heart, and on the horns of your altars; whilst their children remember their altars and their groves of Ashera by
3 the green trees upon the high hills. O my mountain in the field, I will give up thy substance and all thy treasures to plunder, and thy High Places [or altars] for sin, through-
4 out all thy borders. And thou, even thyself, shalt be thrust out from thy heritage that I gave thee; and I will cause thee to serve thine enemies in the land which thou knowest not; for ye have kindled a fire in mine anger, which shall burn for ever.

5 THUS SAITH JEHOVAH; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh to be his arm, and whose heart
6 departeth from Jehovah. For he shall be like a destitute man in the barren valley, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the desert,
7 in a land that is salt and not inhabited. Blessed is the man that trusteth in Jehovah, and whose hope Jehovah is.
8 For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and seeth not when heat cometh, but her leaf is green; and feareth not in the year of drought, neither ceaseth from yielding fruit.

9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately
10 wicked; who can know it? I Jehovah search the heart; I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings.

11 As the partridge sitteth on eggs, which she hath not laid; so is he that getteth riches, and not by right. He shall leave them in the midst of his days, and at his end he shall be a fool.

A glorious high throne from the beginning hath been the 12
place of our Sanctuary. O Jehovah, the hope of Israel, all 13
that forsake thee shall be ashamed; they that depart from
me shall be written on the earth, because they have for-
saken Jehovah, the fountain of living waters. Heal me, 14
O Jehovah, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be
saved; for thou art my praise. Behold, they say to me, 15
'Where is the word of Jehovah? let it come now.' And, 16
as for me, I have not refused to be a shepherd and to follow
thee; neither have I desired the woful day; thou knowest
that what came out of my lips was right before thee. Be 17
not a terror to me; thou art my hope in the day of evil.
Let them be confounded that persecute me, but let not me 18
be confounded; let them be dismayed, but let not me be
dismayed; bring upon them the day of evil, and destroy
them with a double destruction.

THUS SAID JEHOVAH to me; Go and stand in the city 19
gate of the children of the people, by which the kings of
Judah come in, and by which they go out, and in all the
gates of Jerusalem; and say to them, Hear ye the word of 20
Jehovah, ye kings of Judah, and all Judah, and all the
inhabitants of Jerusalem, that enter in by these gates;
thus saith Jehovah; Take heed to yourselves, and bear no 21
burden on the sabbath day, nor bring it in by the gates of
Jerusalem; neither carry forth a burden out of your houses 22
on the sabbath day, neither do ye any work, but keep ye
holy the sabbath day, as I commanded your fathers. But 23
they obeyed not, neither inclined their ear, but made their
neck stiff, that they might not hear, nor receive instruc-
tion. And it shall come to pass, if ye diligently hearken 24
unto me, Jehovah hath said it, to bring in no burden
through the gates of this city on the sabbath day, but keep
holy the sabbath day, to do no work therein; then shall 25
there enter into the gates of this city kings and princes
sitting upon the throne of David, riding in chariots and on
horses, they, and their princes, the men of Judah, and the
inhabitants of Jerusalem; and this city shall remain for
ever. And they shall come from the cities of Judah, 26
and from the places about Jerusalem, and from the land of
Benjamin, and from the Low country, and from the Hill
country, and from the South country, bringing burnt offer-
ings, and sacrifices, and meal offerings, and incense, and

27 bringing thanksgivings, unto the house of Jehovah. But
if ye will not hearken to me to keep holy the sabbath day,
and not to bear a burden, even entering in at the gates of
Jerusalem on the sabbath day; then will I kindle a fire in
the gates thereof, and it shall devour the strong towers of
Jerusalem, and it shall not be quenched.

1 THE WORD WHICH CAME to Jeremiah from Jehovah, say-
2 ing, 'Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there
3 'I will cause thee to hear my words.' Then I went down
to the potter's house, and, behold, he wrought a work on
4 the wheels. And the vessel that he made was marred in
the hand of the potter, so as to be clay; and he made it
again into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter
to make it.

5 Then the word of Jehovah came to me, saying, O house
6 of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter doth? Jehovah
hath said it; behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so
7 are ye in my hand, O house of Israel. At whatever instant
I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a king-
8 dom, to pluck up, and to pull down, and to destroy it; if
that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from
their evil, I will repent of the evil that I purposed to do
9 unto them. And at whatever instant I shall speak con-
cerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build and
10 to plant it; if it do evil in my sight, that it obey not my
voice, then I will repent of the good, wherewith I said I
11 would benefit them. Now therefore go to, speak to the
men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying,
Thus saith Jehovah; Behold, I frame evil against you, and
devise a device against you; return ye now every one
from his evil way, and make your ways and your doings
good.

12 Then they said, 'It is in vain; but we walk after our
'own devices, and we do every one after the stubbornness
'of his evil heart.'

13 Therefore thus saith Jehovah; Ask ye now among the
Nations, who hath heard such things? The virgin of Israel
14 hath done a very horrible thing. Will the snow of Leba-
non leave the Fortress of the Almighty? or will waters from
15 afar, cold and flowing, be dried up? Because my people hath
forgotten me, they have burned incense to Vanities, and
these have caused them to stumble in their ways, in the

ancient paths, to walk in by-paths, in a way not paved;
to make their land desolate, and a perpetual hissing; every 16
one that passeth thereby shall be astonished, and wag his
head. I will scatter them as with an east wind before the 17
enemy; I will shew them my back, and not my face, in the
day of their calamity.

Then said they, 'Come, and let us devise devices against 18
'Jeremiah; for the law shall not perish from the priest,
'nor counsel from the wise, nor the word from the prophet.
'Come, and let us smite him with the tongue, and let us
'not give heed to any of his words.'

Do thou give heed to me, O Jehovah, and hearken to 19
the voice of them that contend with me. Shall evil be 20
repaid for good? For they have digged a pit for my soul.
Remember that I stood before thee to speak good for them,
and to turn away thy wrath from them. Therefore deliver 21
thou up their children to the famine, and scatter them by the
force of the sword; and let their wives be made childless,
and be widows; and let their men be slain by pestilence;
let their young men be smitten by the sword in battle. Let 22
a cry be heard from their houses, when thou shalt bring a
troop suddenly upon them; for they have digged a pit to take
me, and laid hidden snares for my feet. And, O Jehovah, 23
thou knowest all their counsel against me to slay me. For-
give not their iniquity, neither blot out their sin from thy
sight, but let them be overthrown before thee; deal thus
with them in the time of thine anger.

THUS SAITH JEHOVAH, Go and get a potter's earthen 1
bottle, and take some of the elders of the people, and of the
elders of the priests; and go forth to the Valley of the Son 2
of Hinnom, which is by the doorway of the Pottery Gate,
and proclaim there the words that I shall tell thee; and 3
say, Hear ye the word of Jehovah, O kings of Judah, and
inhabitants of Jerusalem. Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the
God of Israel; Behold, I will bring evil upon this place,
which whosoever heareth, his ears shall tingle. Because 4
they have forsaken me, and have estranged this place, and
have burned incense in it to other gods, whom neither they
nor their fathers have known, nor the kings of Judah, and
have filled this place with the blood of innocents; they 5
have built also the High Places of Baal, to burn their sons
with fire for burnt offerings to Baal, which I commanded

not, nor spake it, neither came it into my mind. Therefore, behold, the days will come, Jehovah hath said it, that this place shall no more be called Tophet, nor the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, but The valley of slaughter. And I will make void the counsel of Judah and Jerusalem in this place; and I will cause them to fall by the sword before their enemies, and by the hands of them that seek their lives. And their carcases will I give to be food for the fowls of the heavens, and for the beasts of the earth. And I will make this city desolate, and a hissing; every one that passeth thereby shall be astonished and shall hiss because of all the plagues thereof. And I will cause them to eat the flesh of their sons and the flesh of their daughters, and they shall eat every one the flesh of his friend in the siege and the distress, wherewith their enemies, and they that seek their lives, shall distress them. Then shalt thou break the bottle in the sight of the men that go with thee. And thou shalt say to them, Thus saith Jehovah of hosts; Even so will I break this people and this city, as one breaketh a potter's vessel, that cannot be made whole again; and they shall bury them in Tophet, because there is no place to bury. Thus will I do to this place, Jehovah hath said it, and to the inhabitants thereof, and even make this city as Tophet. And the houses of Jerusalem, and the houses of the kings of Judah, shall be defiled as the place of Tophet, even all the houses upon whose roofs they have burned incense unto all the host of the heavens, and have poured out drink offerings to other gods.

Then came Jeremiah from Tophet, whither Jehovah had sent him to prophesy. And he stood in the court of Jehovah's House; and said to all the people, Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring upon this city and upon all her cities all the evil that I have pronounced against it, because they have hardened their necks, that they might not hear my words.

Now Pashur the son of Immer the priest, who was also chief officer in the House of Jehovah, heard that Jeremiah prophesied these things. Then Pashur smote Jeremiah the prophet, and put him in the stocks that were in the Upper Gate of Benjamin, which was by the House of Jehovah. And it came to pass on the morrow, that Pashur brought forth Jeremiah out of the stocks. Then said Jeremiah to

him, Jehovah hath not called thy name Pashur [or Safety around], but Terror-on-all-sides. For thus saith Jehovah, 4
Behold, I will make thee a terror to thyself, and to all thy friends. And they shall fall by the sword of their enemies, and thine eyes shall behold it. And I will give all Judah into the hand of the king of Babylon [Nebuchadnezzar], and he shall carry them captive into Babylon, and shall slay them with the sword. Moreover I will deliver all the 5
wealth of this city, and all the labours thereof, and all the precious things thereof, and all the treasures of the kings of Judah will I give into the hand of their enemies, who shall plunder them, and take them, and carry them to Babylon. And thou, Pashur, and all that dwell in thine 6
house shall go into captivity; and thou shalt come to Babylon, and there thou shalt die, and shalt be buried there, thou, and all thy friends, to whom thou hast prophesied falsely.

O Jehovah, thou didst entice me, and I was enticed; thou 7
art stronger than I, and hast prevailed; I am in derision daily, every one mocketh me. For when I speak, I cry 8
out, I proclaim violence and plunder; because the word of Jehovah is made a reproach unto me, and a derision, daily. And I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak 9
any more in his name. But it is in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with forbearing, and I cannot stay.

For I heard the slander of many, terror on all sides. 10
'Report, [say they,] and we will report it.' All my friends who watch by my side, [say,] 'Peradventure he will be 'enticed, and we shall prevail against him, and we shall 'take our revenge on him.' But Jehovah is with me as a 11
terrible warrior; therefore my persecutors shall stumble, and they shall not prevail. They shall be greatly ashamed; for they shall not prosper; their everlasting confusion shall not be forgotten. But, O Jehovah of hosts, that triest the 12
righteous, and seest the reins and the heart, let me see thy vengeance on them; for unto thee have I opened my cause.

'Sing to Jehovah, praise ye Jehovah; for he hath de- 13
'livered the soul of the poor from the hand of evil-doers.'

Cursed be the day wherein I was born; let not the day 14
wherein my mother bare me be blessed. Cursed be the 15

man who brought tidings to my father, saying, 'A man child
16 'is born unto thee;' making him very glad. And let that
man be as the cities which Jehovah overthrew, and re-
pented not; and let him hear the cry in the morning, and
17 the shouting at noontide; because he slew me not from the
womb; so that my mother might have been my grave, and
18 her womb should be always great with me. Wherefore
came I forth out of the womb to see labour and sorrow,
that my days should be consumed with shame?

1 THE WORD WHICH CAME to Jeremiah from Jehovah, when
king Zedekiah sent to him Pashur the son of Melchiah, and
2 Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest, saying, 'Inquire,
'I pray thee, of Jehovah for us; for Nebuchadrezzar king
'of Babylon maketh war against us; if so be that Jehovah
'will deal with us according to all his wondrous works,
3 'that he may go up from us.' Then said Jeremiah to them,
4 Thus shall ye say to Zedekiah; Thus saith Jehovah the
God of Israel; Behold, I will turn back the weapons of
war that are in your hands, wherewith ye fight against the
king of Babylon, and against the Chaldeans, who besiege
you outside the walls, and I will assemble them in the
5 midst of this city. And I myself will fight against you
with an outstretched hand and with a strong arm, and in
6 anger, and in wrath, and in great fury. And I will smite
the inhabitants of this city, both man and beast; they shall
7 die of a great pestilence. And afterward, Jehovah hath
said it, I will deliver Zedekiah king of Judah, and his ser-
vants, and the people, and such as are left in this city from
the pestilence, from the sword, and from the famine, into
the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the
hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those that seek
their life. And he shall smite them with the edge of the
sword; he shall not spare them, neither have pity, nor have
mercy.

8 And to this people thou shalt say, Thus saith Jehovah;
Behold, I set before you the way of life, and the way of
9 death. He that abideth in this city shall die by the sword,
and by the famine, and by the pestilence; but he that goeth
out, and falleth away unto the Chaldeans that besiege you,
10 he shall live, but his life shall be for a prey. For I have
set my face against this city for evil, and not for good,

Jehovah hath said it; it shall be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire.

And touching the house of the king of Judah, hear ye 11
the word of Jehovah; O house of David, thus saith Jeho- 12
vah; Execute judgment in the morning, and deliver him that is plundered out of the hand of the oppressor, lest my wrath go forth like fire, and burn so that none can quench it, because of the evil of your doings.

Behold, I am against thee, O inhabitant of the valley, of 13
the rock, and of the table-land, Jehovah hath said it; ye who say, 'Who shall come down against us? or who shall 'enter into our habitations?' But I will punish you ac- 14
cording to the fruit of your doings, Jehovah hath said it; and I will kindle a fire in the forest thereof, and it shall devour all things round about it.

Thus saith Jehovah; Go down to the house of the king 1
of Judah, and speak there this word, and say, Hear thou 2
the word of Jehovah, O king of Judah, that sittest upon the throne of David, thou, and thy servants, and thy people that enter in by these gates; thus saith Jehovah; Execute 3
ye judgment and righteousness, and deliver the plundered out of the hand of the oppressor; and do no wrong, do no violence to the stranger, the fatherless, nor the widow, neither shed innocent blood in this place. For if ye do 4
this thing indeed, then shall there enter in by the gates of this House kings sitting upon the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, he, and his servants, and his people. But if ye will not hear these words, I swear by 5
myself, Jehovah hath said it, that this House shall become a desolation.

For thus saith Jehovah to the king's house of Judah; 6
Thou art Gilead unto me, and the head of Lebanon; yet surely I will make thee a desert, and cities which are not inhabited. And I will consecrate destroyers against thee, 7
every one with his weapons; and they shall cut down thy choice cedars, and cast them into the fire. And many 8
nations shall pass by this city, and they shall say every man to his neighbour, 'Wherefore hath Jehovah done thus 'unto this great city?' Then they shall answer, 'Because 9
'they have forsaken the covenant of Jehovah their God, 'and worshipped other gods, and served them.'

10 Weep ye not for the dead, neither bemoan him; but
weep sore for him that goeth away; for he shall return no
11 more, nor see the land of his birth. For thus saith Jehovah
touching Shallum [or Jehoahaz] the son of Josiah king of
Judah, who reigned instead of Josiah his father, who went
forth out of this place; 'He shall not return thither any
12 'more; but he shall die in the place whither they have led
'him captive, and shall see this land no more.'
13 Woe to him that buildeth his house by unrighteousness,
and his chambers by wrong; that maketh his neighbour
to serve without wages, and payeth him not for his work;
14 that saith, 'I will build me a wide house and airy chambers,'
and that cutteth out for himself windows; and it is panelled
15 with cedar, and painted with vermilion. Shalt thou reign,
because thou outrivalest in cedar? Did not thy father eat
and drink, and do judgment and justice? then it was well
16 with him. He judged the cause of the poor and needy;
then it was well with him; was not this to know me?
17 Jehovah hath said it. But thine eyes and thy heart are
only upon thine own gain, and upon innocent blood to
shed it, and upon oppression, and upon violence, to do it.
18 Therefore thus saith Jehovah concerning Jehoiakim the
son of Josiah king of Judah; They shall not mourn for
him, [saying,] 'Ah my brother!' or, 'Ah sister!' They
shall not mourn for him, [saying,] 'Ah lord!' or, 'Ah
19 'glory!' He shall be buried with the burial of an ass,
dragged along and cast forth beyond the gates of Jerusalem.
20 Go up to Lebanon, and cry out; and lift up thy voice in
Bashan, and cry out from the Parts Beyond [the Jordan];
21 for all thy lovers are destroyed. I spake unto thee in thy
prosperity; but thou saidst, 'I will not hear.' This hath
been thy way from thy youth, that thou obeyedst not my
22 voice. The wind shall eat up all thy shepherds, and thy
lovers shall go into captivity. Surely then shalt thou be
23 ashamed and confounded for all thy wickedness. O inhabitant of Lebanon, that makest thy nest in the cedars, how
shalt thou be pitied when pangs come upon thee, the pain
as of a woman in travail!
24 As I live, Jehovah hath said it, though Coniah [or Jehoiachin] the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah were the signet-
ring upon my right hand, yet would I pluck thee thence;
25 and I will give thee into the hand of them that seek thy

life, and into the hand of them whose face thou fearest, even into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of the Chaldeans. And I will cast thee 26
out, and thy mother that bare thee, into another country, where ye were not born; and there shall ye die. But to 27
the land whither they desire in their soul to return, thither shall they not return. Is this man Coniah a despised 28
broken idol? is he a vessel wherein men have no pleasure? Wherefore are they cast out, he and his seed, and are cast into a land which they know not?

O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of Jehovah. Thus 29
saith Jehovah, Write ye, this man shall be childless, as a 30
warrior he shall not prosper in his days; for no man of his seed shall prosper, sitting upon the throne of David, and ruling any more in Judah.

WOE BE TO THE SHEPHERDS that destroy and scatter the 1
sheep of my pasture! Jehovah hath said it. Therefore 2
thus saith Jehovah the God of Israel against the shepherds that feed my people; Ye have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them. Behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, Jehovah hath said it. And I will gather up the remnant of my flock out 3
of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase. And I will set up shepherds over them which 4
shall feed them; and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, Jehovah hath said it. Behold, the days come, Jehovah hath said it, that I will 5
raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a king shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the land. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel 6
dwell safely. And this is his name whereby he shall be called, Jehovah is our Righteousness. Therefore, behold, 7
the days come, Jehovah hath said it, when they shall no more say, 'As Jehovah liveth, who brought up the children 'of Israel out of the land of Lower Egypt;' but, 'As Jeho- 8
'vah liveth, who brought up and who led the seed of the 'house of Israel out of the North country, and from all 'countries whither I had driven them;' and they shall dwell in their own land.

CONCERNING THE PROPHETS. Mine heart within me is 9
broken, all my bones shake; I am like a drunken man, and

like a man whom wine hath overcome, because of Jehovah,
10 and because of the words of his holiness. For the land is
full of adulterers; for because of the curse the land mourn-
eth; the pastures of the desert are dried up, and their
11 violence is evil, and their force is not right. Yea, both
prophet and priest are profane; yea, in my House have I
12 found their wickedness, Jehovah hath said it. Therefore
their way shall be unto them as slippery ways in the dark;
they shall be driven on, and fall therein; for I will bring
evil upon them, even the year of their visitation, Jehovah
13 hath said it. And I saw folly in the prophets of Samaria;
they prophesied by Baal, and caused my people Israel to
14 err. But in the prophets of Jerusalem I have seen a hor-
rible thing; they commit adultery, and walk in lies; they
strengthen also the hands of evildoers, so that none doth
return from his wickedness; they are all of them unto me
15 as Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah. There-
fore thus saith Jehovah of hosts concerning the prophets;
Behold, I will feed them with wormwood, and make them
drink the water of hemlock; for from the prophets of Jeru-
salem is profaneness gone forth into all the land.

16 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, Hearken not unto the words
of the prophets that prophesy unto you; they lead you in
vain; they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out
17 of the mouth of Jehovah. They say still to them that
despise me, 'Jehovah hath said, Ye shall have peace;' and
they say unto every one that walketh after the imagina-
18 tion of his own heart, 'No evil shall come upon you.' For
which of them hath stood in the counsel of Jehovah, and
hath perceived and heard his word? Who hath marked
his word, and heard it?

19 Behold, the whirlwind of Jehovah, his wrath is gone
forth, even a grievous whirlwind; it will fall grievously
20 upon the head of the wicked. The anger of Jehovah will
not return, until he have done it, and till he have per-
formed the purposes of his heart; in the latter days ye
21 shall understand it perfectly. I have not sent these pro-
phets, yet they ran; I have not spoken to them, yet they
22 prophesied. But if they had stood in my counsel, and had
caused my people to hear my words, then they would have
turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their
doings.

Am I a God when at hand, Jehovah hath said it, and not 23
a God when afar off? Can any one hide himself in hiding 24
places so that I shall not see him? Jehovah hath said it.
Do not I fill the heavens and the earth? Jehovah hath
said it.

I have heard what the prophets say, that prophesy lies 25
in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed.'
How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that 26
prophesy lies? Yea, they are prophets of the deceit of their
own heart; who purpose to cause my people to forget my 27
name by their dreams which they relate every man to his
neighbour, as their fathers forgot my name for Baal. The 28
prophet that hath a dream, let him relate the dream; and
he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully.
What hath the chaff to do with the wheat? Jehovah hath
said it. Is not my word like a fire? Jehovah hath said it; 29
and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?

Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets, Jehovah 30
hath said it, that steal my words every one from his neigh-
bour. Behold, I am against the prophets, Jehovah hath 31
said it, that use their tongues, and declare, 'He hath said it.'
Behold, I am against them that prophesy false dreams, 32
Jehovah hath said it, and do relate them, and cause my
people to err by their lies, and by their lightness; yet I
sent them not, nor commanded them. Therefore they shall
not profit this people at all, Jehovah hath said it.

And when this people, or the prophet, or a priest, shall 33
ask thee, saying, 'What is the burden from Jehovah?' thou
shalt then tell unto them what the burden is, even, 'I will
'forsake you,' is what Jehovah hath said. And as for the 34
prophet, and the priest, and the people, that shall say, 'It
'is a burden from Jehovah,' I will even punish that man
and his house. Thus shall ye say every one to his neigh- 35
bour, and every one to his brother, 'What hath Jehovah
'answered?' and, 'What hath Jehovah spoken?' And the 36
Burden from Jehovah shall ye mention no more; for every
man's word shall be his burden. For ye have perverted
the words of the living God, of Jehovah of hosts our God.
Thus shalt thou say to the prophet, 'What hath Jehovah 37
'answered thee?' and, 'What hath Jehovah spoken?' But 38
since ye say, 'It is a burden from Jehovah;' therefore thus
saith Jehovah; Because ye say this word, 'It is a burden

'from Jehovah,' and I have sent to you, saying, Ye shall
39 not say, 'It is a burden from Jehovah;' therefore, behold,
I, even I, will utterly forget you, and I will cast you away,
and the city that I gave to you and to your fathers, out of
40 my presence. And I will bring an everlasting reproach
upon you, and an everlasting shame, which shall not be
forgotten.

1 JEHOVAH SHEWED ME, and, behold, two baskets of figs
were set before the Great Hall [of the temple] of Jehovah,
after that Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon had carried
away captive Jeconiah [or Jehoiachin] the son of Jehoiakim
king of Judah, and the princes of Judah, with the car-
penters and smiths, from Jerusalem, and had brought them
2 to Babylon. One basket had very good figs, even like the
figs that are first ripe; and the other basket had very bad
3 figs, which could not be eaten, they were so bad. Then
said Jehovah to me, 'What seest thou, Jeremiah?' And
I said, 'Figs; the good figs, very good; and the bad, very
'bad, that cannot be eaten, they are so bad.'

4 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, thus
5 saith Jehovah, the God of Israel; Like these good figs, so
will I acknowledge them of Judah that are carried away
captive, whom I have sent out of this place into the land
6 of the Chaldeans, for their good. For I will set mine eyes
upon them for good, and I will bring them again to this
land; and I will build them up, and not pull them down;
7 and I will plant them, and not pluck them up. And I will
give them a heart to know me, that I am Jehovah; and
they shall be my people, and I will be their God; for they
8 shall return unto me with their whole heart. And as the
bad figs, which cannot be eaten, they are so bad; surely
thus saith Jehovah, So will I give Zedekiah the king of
Judah, and his princes, and the residue of Jerusalem, that
remain in this land, and them that dwell in the land of
9 Egypt; and I will give them up to hard treatment and to
evil in all the kingdoms of the earth, to be a reproach and
a proverb, a taunt and a curse, in all places whither I shall
10 drive them. And I will send on them the sword, the
famine, and the pestilence, till they be consumed from off
the land that I gave unto them and to their fathers.

1 (THE WORD THAT CAME TO JEREMIAH concerning all the
people of Judah in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son

of Josiah king of Judah [B.C. 607], that was the first year of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon; which Jeremiah the 2
prophet spake concerning all the people of Judah, and to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, From the thir- 3
teenth year of Josiah the son of Amon king of Judah, even until this day, that is the three and twentieth year, the word of Jehovah hath come to me, and I have spoken unto you, rising up early and speaking; but ye have not hearkened. And Jehovah hath sent to you all his servants the 4
prophets, rising up early and sending them; but ye have not hearkened, nor inclined your ear to hear. They said, 'Turn 5
'ye again now every one from his evil way, and from the evil 'of your doings, and dwell in the land that Jehovah hath 'given unto you and to your fathers from everlasting to 'everlasting;' and go not after other gods to serve them, 6
and to worship them, and provoke me not to anger with the works of your hands; and I will do you no hurt. Yet 7
ye have not hearkened unto me, Jehovah hath said it; that ye might provoke me to anger with the works of your hands to your own hurt.

Therefore thus saith Jehovah of hosts; Because ye have 8
not heard my words, behold, I will send and take all the 9
families of the North, Jehovah hath said it, and Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will bring them against this land, and against the inhabitants thereof, and against all these nations round about, and will utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, and a hissing, and desolations for ever. Moreover I will take 10
from them the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones, and the light of the lamp. And 11
this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon for SEVENTY YEARS.

And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are ac- 12
complished, that I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, Jehovah hath said it, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans, and will make it desolations for ever. And I will bring upon that land all my words which 13
I have pronounced against it, even all that is written in this Book, which Jeremiah hath prophesied against all the Nations. For many nations and great kings shall exact 14

service of them also; and I will recompense them according to their deeds, and according to the works of their own hands.)

15 For thus saith Jehovah the God of Israel unto me; 'Take this cup of the wine of wrath from my hand, and 'cause all the nations, to whom I send thee, to drink it.
16 'And they shall drink and be moved, and become mad,
17 'because of the sword that I will send among them.' Then took I the cup from Jehovah's hand, and made all the
18 nations to drink, unto whom Jehovah had sent me; to wit, Jerusalem, and the cities of Judah, and the kings thereof, and the princes thereof, to make them a desolation, an astonishment, a hissing, and a curse; as it is this day;
19 Pharaoh king of Egypt, and his servants, and his princes,
20 and all his people; and all the Arabs, and all the kings of the land of Uz, and all the kings of the land of the Philistines, and Askalon, and Gaza, and Ekron, and the remnant
21 of Ashdod, Edom, and Moab, and the children of Ammon,
22 and all the kings of Tyre, and all the kings of Sidon, and
23 the kings of the Isles which are beyond the sea; Dedan, and Tema, and Buz; and all they that are shorn on the
24 cheek; and all the kings of Arabia; and all the kings of
25 the Arabs that dwell in the desert, and all the kings of the Zimrites, and all the kings of Elam [or Western Persia],
26 and all the kings of the Medes, and all the kings of the North, far and near, one with another, and all the kingdoms of the world, which are upon the face of the earth; and the king of Sheshach [or Babylon] shall drink after
27 them. And thou shalt say to them, Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel; 'Drink ye, and be drunken, 'and vomit, and fall, and rise no more, because of the sword
28 'which I will send among you.' And it shall be, if they refuse to take the cup from thy hand to drink, then shalt thou say unto them, Thus saith Jehovah of hosts; 'Ye
29 'shall certainly drink. For, lo, I begin to bring evil on 'the city which is called by my name, and should ye be 'utterly unpunished? Ye shall not be unpunished; for I 'will call for a sword upon all the inhabitants of the earth, 'Jehovah of hosts hath said it.'

30 And do thou prophesy against them all these words, and say to them, Jehovah shall roar from on high, and utter his voice from his holy habitation; he shall mightily roar

against his sheepfold; he shall raise a shout, as of men marching, against all the inhabitants of the earth. The noise 31
shall come even to the ends of the earth; for Jehovah hath a controversy with the nations, he will plead with all flesh; he will give them that are wicked to the sword, Jehovah hath said it.

Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth 32
from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the ends of the earth. And the slain of Jehovah 33
shall be at that day from one end of the earth even to the other end of the earth; they shall not be mourned for, neither gathered up, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the face of the ground.

Howl, ye shepherds, and cry out; and roll yourselves in 34
ashes, ye leaders of the flock; for your days of slaughter and your dispersions shall be accomplished; and ye shall fall like a costly vessel. And flight shall be taken away 35
from the shepherds, and escape from the leaders of the flock. There is a voice of the cry of the shepherds, and a 36
howling of the leaders of the flock, for Jehovah hath spoiled their pasture. And the peaceable sheepfolds are cut down 37
because of the fierce anger of Jehovah. He hath forsaken 38
his covert, as the lion; for their land is made desolate by the fierceness of the oppressor, and by the fierceness of his anger.

In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son 1
of Josiah king of Judah came this word from Jehovah, saying, Thus saith Jehovah; Stand in the court of Jeho- 2
vah's House, and speak to all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in Jehovah's House, all the words that I command thee to speak to them; diminish not a word. Perhaps they will hearken, and turn every man from his 3
evil way, that I may repent me of the evil, which I purpose to do unto them because of the evil of their doings. And 4
thou shalt say to them, Thus saith Jehovah; 'If ye will 'not hearken to me, to walk in my Law, which I have set 'before you, to hearken to the words of my servants the 5
'prophets, whom I sent to you, both rising up early, and 'sending them, (but ye have not hearkened;) then will I 6
'make this House like Shiloh, and will make this city a 'curse to all the nations of the earth.'

So the priests and the prophets and all the people heard 7

Jeremiah speaking these words in the House of Jehovah.
8 And it came to pass, when Jeremiah had made an end of
speaking all that Jehovah had commanded him to speak
to all the people, that the priests and the prophets and all
9 the people took him, saying, 'Thou shalt surely die. Why
'hast thou prophesied in the name of Jehovah, saying,
'This House shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be
'desolate without an inhabitant?' And all the people
were assembled together against Jeremiah in the House of
Jehovah.
10 When the princes of Judah heard these things, then they
came up from the king's house to the House of Jehovah,
and sat down in the doorway of the New Gate of Jehovah's
11 House. Then spake the priests and the prophets to the
princes and to all the people, saying, 'This man is worthy
'to die; for he hath prophesied against this city, as ye have
12 'heard with your ears.' Then spake Jeremiah to all the
princes and to all the people, saying, 'Jehovah sent me to
'prophesy against this House and against this city all the
13 'words that ye have heard. Therefore now amend your
'ways and your doings, and obey the voice of Jehovah
'your God; and Jehovah will repent him of the evil that
14 'he hath pronounced against you. As for me, behold, I
'am in your hand. Do with me as is good and right in
15 'your eyes. But know ye for certain, that if ye put me to
'death ye will surely bring innocent blood upon yourselves,
'and upon this city, and upon the inhabitants thereof. For
'of a truth Jehovah hath sent me to you to speak all these
16 'words in your ears.' Then said the princes and all the
people to the priests and to the prophets; 'This man is not
'worthy to die; for he hath spoken to us in the name of
'Jehovah our God.'
17 Then rose up certain of the elders of the land, and spake
18 to all the assembly of the people, saying, 'Micaiah [or
'Micah] the Moresthite prophesied in the days of Heze-
'kiah king of Judah, and spake to all the people of Judah,
'saying, *Thus saith Jehovah of hosts; Zion shall be plowed*
'like a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps of ruins, and
'the mountain of the House as the High Places [or altars] *of*
19 *'the forest.* Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all Judah put
'him at all to death? Did he not fear Jehovah, and be-
'seech the face of Jehovah, and Jehovah repented him of

'the evil which he had pronounced against them? And we 'might procure great evil against our souls.'

And there was also a man that prophesied in the name 20
of Jehovah, Urijah the son of Shemaiah of the City of
Jearim, who prophesied against this city and against this
land according to all the words of Jeremiah. And when 21
Jehoiakim the king, with all his warriors, and all the
princes, heard his words, the king sought to put him to
death. But when Urijah heard it, he was afraid, and fled,
and went into Lower Egypt. And Jehoiakim the king 22
sent men into Lower Egypt, namely, Elnathan the son of
Achbor, and certain men with him into Lower Egypt. And 23
they fetched forth Urijah out of Lower Egypt, and brought
him unto Jehoiakim the king; who slew him with the
sword, and cast his dead body into the graves of the common
people. Nevertheless the hand of Ahikam the son of 24
Shaphan was with Jeremiah, that they should not give him
into the hand of the people to put him to death.

In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of 1
Josiah king of Judah came this word to Jeremiah from
Jehovah, saying, Thus saith Jehovah to me; Make for thee 2
bonds and yokes, and put them upon thy neck, and send 3
them to the king of Edom, and to the king of Moab, and
to the king of the children of Ammon, and to the king of
Tyre, and to the king of Sidon, by the hand of the mes-
sengers who come to Jerusalem unto Zedekiah king of
Judah; and command them for their masters, saying, Thus 4
saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel; Thus shall ye
say unto your masters; I made the earth, the man and the 5
beast that are upon the face of the ground, by my great
power and by my outstretched arm, and I give it unto
whom it seemeth meet to me. And now have I given all 6
these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of
Babylon, my servant; and the wild beasts of the field have
I given him also to serve him. (And all nations shall serve 7
him, and his son [Evil-Merodach], and his son's son [Bel-
shazzar], until the very time of his land come; and then
many nations and great kings shall exact service from him.)
And it shall come to pass, that the nation and kingdom 8
which will not serve the same Nebuchadnezzar the king of
Babylon, and that will not put their neck under the yoke
of the king of Babylon, that nation will I punish with the

sword, and with the famine, and with the pestilence, Jehovah hath said it, until I have consumed them by his hand.
v Therefore hearken not ye to your prophets, nor to your diviners, nor to your dreamers, nor to your observers of clouds, nor to your sorcerers, who speak unto you, saying,
10 'Ye shall not serve the king of Babylon.' For they prophesy a lie unto you, so as to remove you far from your land; and that I should drive you out, and ye should
11 perish. But the nations that bring their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him, those will I let remain still in their own land, Jehovah hath said it; and they shall till it, and dwell therein.
12 I SPAKE ALSO TO ZEDEKIAH king of Judah according to all these words, saying, Bring your necks under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him and his people, and
13 live. Why will ye die, thou and thy people, by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, as Jehovah hath spoken against the nation that will not serve the king of
14 Babylon? Therefore hearken not to the words of the prophets that speak to you, saying, 'Ye shall not serve the 'king of Babylon.' For they prophesy falsely to you.
15 For I did not send them, Jehovah hath said it, yet they prophesy falsely in my name; that I might drive you out, and that ye might perish, ye, and the prophets that prophesy unto you.
16 Also I spake to the priests and to all this people, saying, Thus saith Jehovah; Hearken not to the words of your prophets that prophesy to you, saying, 'Behold, the vessels 'of the House of Jehovah shall now shortly be brought 'again from Babylon;' for they prophesy falsely unto you.
17 Hearken not to them; serve the king of Babylon, and live.
18 Wherefore should this city be laid waste? But if they be prophets, and if the word of Jehovah be with them, let them now make intercession to Jehovah of hosts, that the vessels which are left in the House of Jehovah, and in the house of the king of Judah, and at Jerusalem, go not to Babylon.
19 For thus saith Jehovah of hosts concerning the pillars, and concerning the Water-cistern, and concerning the basin-stands, and concerning the residue of the vessels that remain
20 in this city, which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took not, when he carried away captive Jeconiah the son of

Jehoiakim king of Judah from Jerusalem to Babylon, and all the nobles of Judah and Jerusalem; yea, thus saith 21
Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, concerning the vessels that remain in the House of Jehovah, and in the house of the king of Judah and in Jerusalem; they shall be carried 22
to Babylon, and there they shall be until the day that I visit them, Jehovah hath said it; then will I bring them up, and restore them to this place.

And it came to pass in the same year, in the beginning 1
of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the fourth year [B.C. 596], and in the fifth month, that Hananiah the son of Azur the prophet, who was of Gibeon, spake to me in the House of Jehovah, in the presence of the priests and of all the people, saying, 'Thus speaketh Jehovah of hosts, 2
'the God of Israel, saying, I have broken the yoke of the 'king of Babylon. Within two full years will I bring 3
'back into this place all the vessels of the House of Jeho-'vah, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took away 'from this place, and carried them to Babylon; and I will 4
'bring back to this place Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim 'king of Judah, with all the captives of Judah, that went 'unto Babylon, Jehovah hath said it; for I will break the 'yoke of the king of Babylon.'

Then the prophet Jeremiah said unto the prophet Hana- 5
niah in the presence of the priests, and in the presence of all the people that stood in the House of Jehovah, even the 6
prophet Jeremiah, said, 'Amen; may Jehovah do so; may 'Jehovah perform thy words which thou hast prophesied, 'to bring back the vessels of the house of Jehovah, and all 'that is carried away captive, from Babylon into this place. 'Nevertheless hear thou now this word that I speak in 7
'thine ears, and in the ears of all the people; the prophets 8
'that have been before me and before thee of old prophe-'sied both against many countries, and against great king-'doms, of war, and of evil, and of pestilence. The prophet 9
'that prophesieth of peace, when the word of the prophet 'shall come to pass, then shall the prophet be known, that 'Jehovah hath truly sent him.' Then Hananiah the pro- 10
phet took the yoke from off the prophet Jeremiah's neck, and brake it. And Hananiah spake in the presence of all 11
the people, saying, 'Thus saith Jehovah; Even so will I 'break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon from

'the neck of all nations within the space of two full years.'
And the prophet Jeremiah went his way.
12 Then the word of Jehovah came to Jeremiah, after that
Hananiah the prophet had broken the yoke from off the
13 neck of the prophet Jeremiah, saying, 'Go and tell Hana-
'niah, saying, Thus saith Jehovah; Thou hast broken the
'yokes of wood; but thou shalt make in place of them
14 'yokes of iron. For thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God
'of Israel; I have put a yoke of iron upon the neck of all
'these nations, that they may serve Nebuchadnezzar king
'of Babylon; and they shall serve him; and I have given
15 'unto him the wild beasts of the field also.' Then said
the prophet Jeremiah to Hananiah the prophet, 'Hear
'now, Hananiah; Jehovah hath not sent thee; but thou
16 'makest this people to trust in a lie. Therefore thus saith
'Jehovah; Behold, I will cast thee from off the face of the
'earth; this year thou shalt die, because thou hast taught
17 'rebellion against Jehovah.' So Hananiah the prophet died
the same year in the seventh month.

1 Now these are the words of THE LETTER that Jeremiah
the prophet sent from Jerusalem to the residue of the elders
who were carried away captives, and to the priests, and
to the prophets, and to all the people whom Nebuchad-
nezzar had carried away captive from Jerusalem to Babylon;
2 (after that Jeconiah [or Jehoiachin] the king, and the queen,
and the chamberlains, the princes of Judah and Jerusalem,
and the carpenters, and the smiths, were departed from
3 Jerusalem;) by the hand of Elasah the son of Shaphan,
and Gemariah the son of Hilkiah, (whom Zedekiah king
of Judah sent unto Babylon to Nebuchadnezzar king of
Babylon,) saying,

4 'Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, unto
'all that are carried away captives, whom I have caused to
5 'be carried away from Jerusalem to Babylon; Build ye
'houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat the
6 'fruit of them; take ye wives and beget sons and daughters;
'and take wives for your sons, and give your daughters to
'husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters; that
'they may be increased there, and ye be not diminished.
7 'And seek ye the peace of the city whither I have caused
'you to be carried away captives, and pray unto Jehovah for
8 'it; for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace. For thus

'saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel; Let not your
'prophets that are in the midst of you, and your diviners,
'deceive you, neither hearken to your dreams which ye
'dream. For they prophesy falsely to you in my name. 9
'I have not sent them, Jehovah hath said it.

'(For thus saith Jehovah, That after SEVENTY YEARS be 10
'accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my
'good word toward you, in causing you to return to this
'place. For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, 11
'Jehovah hath said it, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to
'give you an hereafter and a hope. Then shall ye call 12
'upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will
'hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, 13
'when ye shall inquire of me with all your heart. And I 14
'will be found by you, Jehovah hath said it; and I will
'bring home your captivity, and I will gather you in from
'all the nations, and from all the places whither I have
'driven you, Jehovah hath said it; and I will bring you
'back to the place whence I caused you to be carried away
'captive.)

'Because ye have said, Jehovah hath raised up for us 15
'prophets in Babylon, therefore thus saith Jehovah con- 16
'cerning the king that sitteth upon the throne of David,
'and concerning all the people that dwelleth in this city,
'your brethren that are not gone forth with you into cap-
'tivity; thus saith Jehovah of hosts; Behold, I will send 17
'upon them the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, and
'will make them like vile figs, that cannot be eaten, they
'are so bad. And I will persecute them with the sword, 18
'with the famine, and with the pestilence, and will deliver
'them to ill treatment in all the kingdoms of the earth, to
'be for a curse, and an astonishment, and a hissing, and a
'reproach, among all the nations whither I have driven
'them; because they have not hearkened to my words, 19
'Jehovah hath said it, when I sent unto them my servants
'the prophets, rising up early and sending them; but ye
'would not hear, Jehovah hath said it.

'Hear ye therefore the word of Jehovah, all ye of the 20
'captivity, whom I have sent from Jerusalem to Babylon.
'Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, concern- 21
'ing Ahab the son of Kolaiah, and concerning Zedekiah the
'son of Maaseiah, who prophesy falsely to you in my name;

'Behold, I will deliver them into the hand of Nebuchad-
'rezzar king of Babylon; and he shall slay them before
22 'your eyes; and from them shall be taken up a curse by
'all the captivity of Judah who are in Babylon, saying,
'May Jehovah make thee like Zedekiah and like Ahab,
23 'whom the king of Babylon roasted in the fire; because
'they have committed villany in Israel, and have committed
'adultery with their neighbours' wives, and have spoken
'words in my name falsely, which I have not commanded
'them; even I know it, and am a witness, Jehovah hath
'said it.

24 'And thou shalt speak to Shemaiah the Nehelamite [or
25 'dreamer], saying, Thus speaketh Jehovah of hosts, the God
'of Israel, saying, Because thou hast sent letters in thy
'name unto all the people that are at Jerusalem, and to
'Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest, and to all the
26 'priests, saying, Jehovah hath made thee to be priest in
'the stead of Jehoiada the priest, that there should be
'officers in the House of Jehovah, over every man that is
'in a frenzy, and maketh himself a prophet, that thou
27 'shouldest put him in the stocks, and in prison. Now
'therefore why hast thou not reproved Jeremiah of Ana-
28 'thoth, who maketh himself a prophet to you? Because
'he sent to us in Babylon, saying, It will be long; build
'ye houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat
29 'the fruit of them.' And Zephaniah the priest read this
letter in the ears of Jeremiah the prophet.

30 And the word of Jehovah came unto Jeremiah, saying,
31 Send to all them of the captivity, saying, Thus saith
Jehovah concerning Shemaiah the Nehelamite; Because
Shemaiah hath prophesied to you, and I sent him not, and
32 he caused you to trust in a lie; therefore thus saith Jeho-
vah; Behold, I will punish Shemaiah the Nehelamite, and
his seed; he shall not have a man to dwell among this
people; neither shall he behold the good that I will do for
my people, Jehovah hath said it; because he hath taught
rebellion against Jehovah.

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1 THE WORD THAT CAME TO JEREMIAH from Jehovah, saying,
2 Thus speaketh Jehovah the God of Israel, saying, Write
for thyself all the words that I have spoken unto thee in a
3 book. For lo, THE DAYS WILL COME, Jehovah hath said it,

that I will bring back the captivity of my people Israel and Judah, saith Jehovah; and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.

And these are the words that Jehovah spake concerning Israel and concerning Judah. For thus saith Jehovah; We have heard a voice of trembling; there is fear, and not peace. Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? Wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness? Alas! for that will be the great day, so that none is like it. It will be even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it. For it shall come to pass in that day, Jehovah of hosts hath said it, that I will break his yoke from off thy neck, and I will burst thy bonds, and strangers shall no more exact service of him. But they shall serve Jehovah their God, and a David their king, whom I will raise up unto them.

Therefore fear thou not, O my servant Jacob, Jehovah hath said it; neither be dismayed, O Israel; for, lo, I will save thee from afar off, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be at rest; and he shall be at ease, and none shall make him afraid. For I am with thee, Jehovah hath said it, to save thee. Though I make a full end of all nations whither I have scattered thee, yet will I not make a full end of thee; I will correct thee, but with judgment, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished.

For thus saith Jehovah, Thy bruise is incurable, and thy wound is grievous. None pleadeth thy cause, that thou mayest be bound up; thou hast no healing plasters. All thy lovers have forgotten thee; they seek thee not; for I have wounded thee with the wound of an enemy, with a cruel chastisement, for the greatness of thine iniquity; because thy sins were increased. Why criest thou for thy bruise? Thy sorrow is incurable for the greatness of thine iniquity. Because thy sins were increased, I have done these things unto thee. Therefore all they that devour thee shall be devoured; and all thine adversaries every one of them, shall go into captivity; and they that plunder thee shall be plundered, and all they that prey upon thee will I give for a prey. For I will apply a bandage to thee, and

I will heal thee of thy wounds, Jehovah hath said it; because they called thee an outcast, [saying,] 'This is Zion, 'whom no man seeketh after.'

18 Thus saith Jehovah; Behold, I will bring back the captivity of Jacob's tents, and I will have mercy on his dwelling places; and the city shall be builded upon her own heap, and the palace shall remain after the manner
19 thereof. And out of them shall proceed thanksgiving and the voice of them that make merry. And I will multiply them, and they shall not be few; I will also glorify them,
20 and they shall not be small. Their children also shall be as aforetime, and their congregation shall be established
21 before me, and I will punish all that oppress them. And their nobles shall be some of themselves, and their governor shall proceed from the midst of them; and I will cause him to draw near, and he shall approach unto me. For who is this that pledged his heart to approach to me? Jehovah
22 hath said it. And ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.

23 Behold, the whirlwind of Jehovah; his wrath is gone forth as a cutting whirlwind; it shall rush upon the head
24 of the wicked. The fierce anger of Jehovah shall not return, until he have done it, and until he have performed the purposes of his heart. In the latter days ye shall understand it.

1 At that time, Jehovah hath said it, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.
2 Thus saith Jehovah, The people who were left by the sword found grace in the desert, when I went to give rest to Israel.

3 JEHOVAH APPEARED FROM AFAR unto me, [saying,] Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love; therefore I
4 have prolonged my loving-kindness unto thee. I will yet build thee, and thou shalt be built up, O virgin of Israel; thou shalt yet be adorned with thy timbrels, and shalt go
5 forth in the dances of them that make merry. Thou shalt yet plant vines upon the mountains of Samaria; the planters
6 shall plant, and shall eat of them. For there shall be a day, that the watchmen in the hill country of Ephraim shall cry, 'Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion unto Jehovah 'our God.'

7 For thus saith Jehovah; Sing with gladness for Jacob,

and shout among the chief of the nations; publish ye,
praise ye, and say, 'O Jehovah, save thy people, the rem-
'nant of Israel.' Behold, I will bring them from the North 8
country, and gather them in from the ends of the earth,
and with them the blind and the lame, the woman with
child and her that travaileth with child together; a great
company shall return thither. They shall come with weep- 9
ing, and with supplications will I lead them. I will cause
them to walk by valleys of waters in a straight path, wherein
they shall not stumble; for I am a father to Israel, and
Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of Jehovah, O ye nations, and declare it 10
in the isles afar off, and say, 'He that scattered Israel will
'gather him in, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock.'
For Jehovah hath redeemed Jacob, and ransomed him from 11
the hand of one stronger than he. Therefore they shall 12
come and sing on the heights of Zion, and shall stream
towards the goodness of Jehovah, for wheat, and for grape
juice, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the
herd. And their soul shall be as a watered garden; and
they shall not pine away any more at all. Then shall the 13
maiden rejoice in the dance, both young men and old toge-
ther; for I will turn their mourning into joy, and will
comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow.
And I will water the soul of the priests with fatness, and 14
my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, Jehovah
hath said it.

Thus saith Jehovah; A voice was heard in Ramah, la- 15
mentation, and bitter weeping; Rachel weeping for her
children refused to be comforted for her children, because
they were not.

Thus saith Jehovah; Refrain thy voice from weeping, 16
and thine eyes from tears; for thy work shall be rewarded,
Jehovah hath said it; and they shall come back from the
land of the enemy. And there is hope for thy future, Jeho- 17
vah hath said it, that thy children shall come back into
their own boundary.

I have surely heard Ephraim bemoaning himself, [say- 18
ing,] 'Thou hast chastised me, and I was chastised, as an
'untrained bullock. Do thou bring me back, and I shall
'be brought back; for thou art Jehovah my God. Surely 19
'after that I was brought back, I repented; and after that

'I was instructed, I smote upon my thigh. I was ashamed,
'yea, even confounded, because I did bear the reproach of
'my youth.'
20 Is Ephraim my valued son? is he a beloved child? For
as often as I speak against him, I do earnestly remember
him still; therefore my bowels are troubled for him; I will
surely have mercy upon him; Jehovah hath said it.
21 Set up for thyself waymarks, make for thee high heaps;
set thine heart toward the highway, the way which thou
wentest. Return again, O virgin of Israel, return again to
22 these thy cities. How long wilt thou wander about, O
thou backsliding daughter? For Jehovah hath created a
new thing in the earth, A woman shall compass a man.
23 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel; They
shall yet use this speech in the land of Judah and in its
cities, when I shall bring home their captivity; 'May
'Jehovah bless thee, O habitation of justice, and moun-
24 'tain of holiness.' And there shall dwell in Judah itself,
and in all its cities together, plowmen, and men that en-
25 camp about with flocks. For I have watered the weary
soul, and I have replenished every sorrowful soul.
26 Upon this I awaked, and beheld; and my sleep had been
sweet unto me.
27 BEHOLD THE DAYS WILL COME, Jehovah hath said it, that
I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with
28 the seed of man, and with the seed of cattle. And it shall
come to pass, that like as I have watched over them, to
pluck up, and to break down, and to throw down, and to
destroy, and to afflict; so will I watch over them, to build
up, and to plant, Jehovah hath said it.
29 In those days they shall say no more, 'The fathers have
'eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on
30 'edge.' But every man shall die for his own iniquity;
every son of Adam that eateth the sour grapes, his own
teeth shall be set on edge.
31 Behold, the days will come, Jehovah hath said it, that I
will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and
32 with the house of Judah; not according to the covenant
that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them
by the hand to bring them out of the land of Lower Egypt;
which my covenant they brake, although I was a husband
33 to them; Jehovah hath said it; but this shall be the cove-

nant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, Jehovah hath said it, I will put my Law into their inside, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach 34
no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know Jehovah;' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, Jehovah hath said it. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

Thus saith Jehovah, who giveth the sun for a light by 35
day, and the fixed laws of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, who stilleth the sea when the waves thereof roar; Jehovah of hosts is his name; When those fixed 36
laws depart from before me, Jehovah hath said it, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever.

Thus saith Jehovah; When the heavens above can be 37
measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, then I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done; Jehovah hath said it.

Behold, the days will come, Jehovah hath said it, that 38
the City shall be built up unto Jehovah from the Tower of Hananeel to the Corner Gate. And the measuring line 39
shall yet go forth over in front of it upon the hill Gareb, and shall encompass about to Goath. And the whole valley 40
of the dead bodies, and of the bone-ashes, and all the fields to the Brook of Kidron, to the corner of the Horse Gate, toward the east, shall be holy unto Jehovah; it shall not be plucked up, nor thrown down any more for ever.

THE WORD THAT CAME TO JEREMIAH from Jehovah in the 1
tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah [B.C. 590], which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. For at that 2
time the king of Babylon's army besieged Jerusalem; and Jeremiah the prophet was shut up in the court of the watch-house, which was in the king of Judah's house. For 3
Zedekiah king of Judah had shut him up, saying, 'Where-'fore dost thou prophesy, and say, Thus saith Jehovah, 'Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of 'Babylon, and he shall take it; and Zedekiah king of Judah 4
'shall not escape out of the hand of the Chaldeans, but 'shall surely be delivered into the hand of the king of

'Babylon, and shall speak with him mouth to mouth, and
5 'his eyes shall behold his eyes; and he shall lead Zedekiah
'to Babylon, and there shall he be until I visit him, Jeho-
'vah hath said it. Though ye fight with the Chaldeans,
'ye shall not prosper.'

6 And Jeremiah said, The word of Jehovah came to me,
7 saying, 'Behold, Hanameel the son of Shallum thine uncle
'shall come to thee, saying, Buy to thee my field that is
'in Anathoth; for the right of redemption is thine to buy
8 'it.' So Hanameel my uncle's son came to me in the
court of the watch-house, according to the word of Jeho-
vah, and said to me, 'Buy my field, I pray thee, that
'is in Anathoth, which is in the country of Benjamin; for
'the right of inheritance is thine, and the redemption is
'thine; buy it for thyself.' Then I knew that this was
9 the word of Jehovah. And I bought the field of Hana-
meel my uncle's son, that was in Anathoth, and I weighed
to him the silver, even seventeen Shekels [half-ounces] of
10 silver. And I wrote it in a deed, and sealed it, and had
it witnessed by witnesses, and weighed him the silver in
11 the balances. So I took the writing of the purchase, both
that which was sealed according to the law and statutes,
12 and that which was open; and I gave the writing of the
purchase to Baruch the son of Neriah, the son of Maaseiah,
in the sight of Hanameel mine uncle ['s son], and in the
sight of the witnesses that wrote in the deed of the pur-
chase, in the sight of all the Jews that sat in the court of
13 the watch-house. And I charged Baruch in their sight,
14 saying, 'Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel;
'Take these writings, this writing of the purchase, both
'that which is sealed, and this writing which is open; and
'put them in an earthen vessel, so that they may continue
15 'for many days. For thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God
'of Israel; Houses and fields and vineyards shall be again
'bought in this land.'

16 Now when I had delivered the writing of the purchase
to Baruch the son of Neriah, I prayed to Jehovah, saying,
17 'Ah Lord Jehovah! behold, thou didst make the heavens
'and the earth by thy great power and by thy stretched-
18 'out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee. Thou
'shewest loving-kindness to thousands, and recompensest
'the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their children

'after them; the Great, the Mighty God, Jehovah of hosts,
'is his name, great in counsel, and mighty in doings; for 19
'thine eyes are open on all the ways of the sons of Adam;
'to give to every one according to his ways, and according
'to the fruit of his doings; who didst set signs and wonders 20
'in the land of Lower Egypt, even unto this day, and in
'Israel, and among all men; and hast made to thee a name,
'as at this day; and thou broughtest forth thy people Israel 21
'out of the land of Lower Egypt with signs, and with wonders,
'and with a strong hand, and with a stretched-out arm, and
'with great terror; and hast given them this land, which 22
'thou didst swear to their fathers to give to them, a land
'flowing with milk and honey; and they came in and pos- 23
'sessed it; but they obeyed not thy voice, neither walked
'in thy Law; they have done nothing of all that thou com-
'mandedst them to do; therefore thou hast called down all
'this evil upon them. Behold the siege-mounds; they are 24
'come unto the city to take it; and the city is given into the
'hand of the Chaldeans, that fight against it, because of
'the sword, and of the famine, and of the pestilence. And
'what thou hast spoken is come to pass; and, behold, thou
'seest it. And thou hast said to me, O Lord Jehovah, 25
'Buy to thee the field for money, and have it witnessed by
'witnesses; and the city is given into the hand of the
'Chaldeans.'

Then came the word of Jehovah to Jeremiah, saying, 26
Behold, I am Jehovah, the God of all flesh; is there any 27
thing too hard for me? Therefore thus saith Jehovah; 28
Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the Chaldeans,
and into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and
he shall take it. And the Chaldeans, that fight against 29
this city, shall come and set this city on fire, and burn it
with the houses, on whose roofs they have offered incense
to Baal, and poured out drink offerings to other gods, so
as to provoke me to anger. For the children of Israel and 30
the children of Judah have done nothing but evil before
me from their youth; for the children of Israel have done
nothing but provoke me to anger with the work of their
hands; Jehovah hath said it.

For this city hath been to me as a provocation of mine 31
anger and of my wrath from the day that they built it even
unto this day; that I should remove it from before my face,

32 because of all the evil of the children of Israel and of the
children of Judah, which they have done to provoke me
to anger, they, their kings, their princes, their priests, and
their prophets, and the men of Judah, and the inhabitants
33 of Jerusalem. And they have turned to me their back, and
not their face; though I taught them, rising up early and
teaching them, yet they have not hearkened to receive in-
34 struction. But they have set their abominations in the
35 House, which is called by my name, to defile it. And they
have built the High Places of Baal, which are in the Valley
of the Son of Hinnom, to cause their sons and their daugh-
ters to pass through [the fire] unto Moloch; which I com-
manded them not, neither came it into my mind, that they
should do this abomination, so as to cause Judah to sin.

36 And now therefore thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel,
concerning this city, whereof ye say, It shall be delivered
into the hand of the king of Babylon by the sword, and
37 by the famine, and by the pestilence; Behold, I will gather
them out of all countries, whither I have driven them in
mine anger, and in my wrath, and in great fury; and I
will bring them again to this place, and I will cause them
38 to dwell safely. And they shall be my people, and I will
39 be their God. And I will give them one heart, and one
way, that they may fear me for ever, for the good of them,
40 and of their children after them. And I will make an
everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away
from them, to do them good; and I will put my fear in
41 their hearts, so that they shall not depart from me. Yea,
I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will plant
them in this land assuredly with my whole heart and with
my whole soul.

42 For thus saith Jehovah; Like as I have brought all this
great evil upon this people, so will I bring upon them all
43 the good that I have promised them. And the fields shall
be bought in this land, whereof ye say, 'It is desolate with-
'out man or beast; it is given into the hand of the Chal-
44 'deans.' Men shall buy fields for money, and shall write
deeds, and seal them, and have them witnessed by wit-
nesses in the land of Benjamin, and in the places about
Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, and in the cities of
the Hill country, and in the cities of the Low country, and

in the cities of the South country; for I will bring home again their captivity; Jehovah hath said it.

And the word of Jehovah came to Jeremiah the second time, while he was yet shut up in the court of the watch-house, saying, Thus saith Jehovah the Maker, Jehovah that formed it to establish it; Jehovah is his name; Call to me, and I will answer thee, and I will shew thee great and difficult things, which thou knowest not.

For thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel, concerning the houses of this city, and concerning the houses of the kings of Judah, which are thrown down by the siege-mounds, and by the sword; They come to fight against the Chaldeans, and to fill them with the dead bodies of men, whom I have slain in mine anger and in my wrath, and for all whose wickedness I have hidden my face from this city. Behold, I will bring on it health and cure, and I will cure them, and will reveal to them the abundance of peace and truth. And I will bring home the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel, and will build them up, as at the first. And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity, whereby they have sinned against me; and I will pardon all their iniquities, whereby they have sinned, and whereby they have transgressed against me. And it shall be to me a name of joy, a praise and an honour before all the nations of the earth, who shall hear of all the good that I do to them; and they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and for all the prosperity that I bring on it.

Thus saith Jehovah; Again there shall be heard in this place, which ye say is desolate without man and without beast, even in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, that are desolate, without man, and without inhabitant, and without beast, the voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the voice of them that shall say, '*Give 'thanks unto Jehovah of hosts, for Jehovah is good; for his 'kindness endureth for ever;*' and of them that shall bring thanksgiving into the House of Jehovah. For I will bring home the captivity of the land, as at the first, saith Jehovah.

Thus saith Jehovah of hosts; Again in this place, which is desolate without man and without beast, and in all the cities thereof, shall be a habitation of shepherds causing

their flocks to lie down. In the cities of the Hill country, in the cities of the Low country, and in the cities of the South country, and in the land of Benjamin, and in the places around Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, shall the flocks pass again under the hands of him that numbereth them, saith Jehovah.

(BEHOLD, THE DAYS WILL COME, Jehovah hath said it, that I will perform that good thing which I have promised to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah. In those days, and at that time, will I cause a righteous Branch to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land. In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely; and this is what she shall be called, 'Jehovah is our righteousness.' For thus saith Jehovah; David shall never want a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel; neither shall the priests the Levites want a man before me to offer burnt offerings, and to burn as incense meal offerings, and to make sacrifice continually.

And the word of Jehovah came to Jeremiah, saying, Thus saith Jehovah; When ye can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, so that there should not be day and night in their season; then shall also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he should not have a son to reign upon his throne; and with the Levites the priests, my ministers. As the host of the heavens cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea be measured; so will I multiply the seed of David my servant, and the Levites that minister to me.

Moreover the word of Jehovah came to Jeremiah, saying, Seest thou not what this people have spoken, saying, 'The 'two families which Jehovah had chosen, he hath even cast 'them off'? Thus they have despised my people, that they should be no more a nation before them. Thus saith Jehovah; If I have not appointed my covenant of day and night, or the fixed laws of heaven and earth; then will I cast away the seed of Jacob, and David my servant, so that I take not any of his seed to be rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; for I will bring home their captivity, and will have mercy on them.)

THE WORD WHICH CAME TO JEREMIAH from Jehovah, (when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and all his army,

and all the kingdoms of the earth of his hand's dominion, and all the people, fought against Jerusalem, and against all its cities,) saying, Thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel; Go and speak to Zedekiah king of Judah, and say unto him, Thus saith Jehovah; Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire. And thou shalt not escape out of his hand, but shalt surely be taken, and delivered into his hand; and thine eyes shall behold the eyes of the king of Babylon, and his mouth shall speak to thy mouth, and thou shalt go to Babylon. Yet hear thou the word of Jehovah, O Zedekiah king of Judah; Thus saith Jehovah of thee, Thou shalt not die by the sword; thou shalt die in peace; and with the burnings of thy fathers, the former kings which were before thee, so shall they burn [spices] for thee; and alas, Oh lord, they will mourn for thee, for I have pronounced the word, Jehovah hath said it.

Then Jeremiah the prophet spake all these words to Zedekiah king of Judah in Jerusalem, when the king of Babylon's army fought against Jerusalem, and against all the cities of Judah that were left, against Lachish, and against Azekah; for these fenced cities remained of the cities of Judah.

THE WORD THAT CAME TO JEREMIAH from Jehovah, after that the king Zedekiah had made a covenant with all the people who were at Jerusalem, to proclaim liberty to them; that every man should let his manservant, and every man his handmaid, being a Hebrew man or a Hebrew woman, go free; that none should exact service of them, no man of his brother among the Jews. Now when all the princes, and all the people, who had entered into the covenant, heard that every one should let his manservant, and every one his handmaid, go free, that none should exact service of them any more, then they obeyed, and let them go. But afterward they turned, and caused the servants and the handmaids, whom they had let go free, to return, and brought them into subjection for servants and for handmaids.

Therefore the word of Jehovah came to Jeremiah from Jehovah, saying, Thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel; I made a covenant with your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Lower Egypt, out of

14 the house of bondmen, saying, 'At the end of seven years
'let ye go every man his brother who is a Hebrew, who hath
'been sold to thee; and when he hath served thee for six
'years, thou shalt let him go free from thee.' But your
fathers hearkened not to me, neither inclined their ear.
15 And ye were this day turned, and had done right in my
sight, in proclaiming liberty every man to his neighbour;
and ye had made a covenant before me in the House which
16 is called by my name. But ye turned again and profaned
my name, and caused every man his servant, and every
man his handmaid, whom he had set at liberty at their
pleasure, to return, and brought them into subjection, to
17 be unto you for servants and for handmaids. Therefore
thus saith Jehovah; Ye have not hearkened unto me, in
proclaiming liberty, every one to his brother, and every
man to his neighbour. Behold, I proclaim a liberty for you,
Jehovah hath said it, to the sword, to the pestilence, and
to the famine; and I will make you to be ill treated in all
18 the kingdoms of the earth. And I will give the men that
have transgressed my covenant, who have not performed
the words of the covenant which they had made before
me, when they cut the calf in twain, and passed between
19 the parts thereof, the princes of Judah, and the princes of
Jerusalem, the chamberlains, and the priests, and all the
people of the land, who passed between the parts of the
20 calf; I will even give them into the hand of their enemies,
and into the hand of them that seek their life. And their
dead bodies shall be for food to the fowls of the heavens,
21 and to the beasts of the earth. And Zedekiah king of
Judah and his princes will I give into the hand of their
enemies, and into the hand of them that seek their life,
and into the hand of the king of Babylon's army, who
22 are gone up from you. Behold, I will command, Jehovah
hath said it, and will cause them to return to this city;
and they shall fight against it, and take it, and burn it
with fire. And I will make the cities of Judah a desolation
without an inhabitant.

1 THE WORD WHICH CAME TO JEREMIAH from Jehovah in
the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah,
2 saying, 'Go unto the house of the Rechabites [or chariot-
'drivers], and speak to them, and bring them to the House
'of Jehovah, into one of the chambers, and give them wine

'to drink.' Then I took Jaazaniah the son of Jeremiah, 3
the son of Habaziniah, and his brethren, and all his sons,
and the whole house of the Rechabites; and I brought 4
them to the House of Jehovah, into the chamber of Beni-
hanan, the son of Igdaliah, a man of God, which was be-
side the chamber of the princes, which was above the
chamber of Maaseiah the son of Shallum, the keeper of
the door. And I set before the sons of the house of 5
the Rechabites pots full of wine, and cups, and I said to
them, 'Drink ye the wine.' But they said, 'We will 6
'drink no wine; for Jonadab the son of Rechab our father
'commanded us, saying, Ye shall drink no wine, neither
'ye, nor your sons for ever; neither shall ye build a house, 7
'nor sow seed, nor plant a vineyard, nor have any; but
'all your days ye shall dwell in tents; so that ye may
'live many days on the face of the land where ye sojourn.
'And we have obeyed the voice of Jonadab, the son of 8
'Rechab [or the chariot-driver], our father in all that he
'hath charged us, to drink no wine all our days, we, our
'wives, our sons, or our daughters; nor to build houses 9
'for us to dwell in; neither have we vineyard, nor field,
'nor seed. But we have dwelt in tents, and have obeyed, 10
'and done according to all that Jonadab our father com-
'manded us. But it came to pass, when Nebuchadrezzar 11
'king of Babylon came up into the land, that we said, Come,
'and let us go to Jerusalem for fear of the army of the
'Chaldeans, and for fear of the army of the Syrians. So
'we dwell at Jerusalem.'

Then came the word of Jehovah unto Jeremiah, saying, 12
Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel; Go and 13
say to the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem,
Will ye not receive instruction to hearken to my words?
Jehovah hath said it. The words of Jonadab the son of 14
Rechab, that he commanded his sons not to drink wine,
are performed; for unto this day they drink none, but obey
their father's command. And I have spoken to you, rising
early and speaking; but ye hearkened not to me. I have 15
sent also to you all my servants the prophets, rising up
early and sending them, saying, 'Return ye now every man
'from his evil way, and amend your doings, and go not
'after other gods to serve them, and ye shall dwell in the
'land which I have given to you and to your fathers.' But

16 ye have not inclined your ear, nor hearkened to me. Because the sons of Jonadab the son of Rechab have performed the command of their father, which he commanded them, but
17 this people hath not hearkened to me; therefore thus saith Jehovah the God of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring upon Judah and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the evil that I have pronounced against them. Because I have spoken to them, but they have not heard; and I have called to them, but they have not answered.
18 And Jeremiah said to the house of the Rechabites, 'Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel; Because 'ye have obeyed the command of Jonadab your father, and 'have kept all his commands, and have done according to
19 'all that he commanded you; therefore thus saith Jehovah 'of hosts, the God of Israel; Jonadab the son of Rechab 'shall not want a man to stand before me for ever.'

AND IT CAME TO PASS in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the
1 son of Josiah king of Judah [B.C. 607], that this word
2 came to Jeremiah from Jehovah, saying, 'Take to thee the 'roll of a book, and write therein all the words that I have 'spoken to thee against Israel, and against Judah, and 'against all the Nations, from the day I spake to thee,
3 'from the days of Josiah, even unto this day. It may be 'that the house of Judah will hear all the evil which I 'purpose to do to them; so that they may return every 'man from his evil way; that I may forgive their iniquity
4 'and their sin.' Then Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Neriah. And Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of Jehovah, which he had spoken to him,
5 upon the roll of a book. And Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying, 'I am shut up; I cannot go to the House of Jeho-
6 'vah. Therefore go thou, and read in the roll, which thou 'hast written from my mouth, the words of Jehovah in the 'ears of the people in the house of Jehovah on the day of 'the fast; and also thou shalt read them in the ears of
7 'all Judah that come out of their cities. It may be they 'will lay down their supplication before Jehovah, and will 'return every one from his evil way; for great is the anger 'and the wrath that Jehovah hath pronounced against this
8 'people.' And Baruch the son of Neriah did according to all that Jeremiah the prophet commanded him, reading in the book the words of Jehovah in the house of Jehovah.

And it came to pass in the fifth year of Jehoiakim the son 9
of Josiah king of Judah [B.C. 606], in the ninth month,
that they proclaimed a fast before Jehovah to all the people
in Jerusalem, and to all the people that came from the
cities of Judah unto Jerusalem. Then Baruch read in the 10
book the words of Jeremiah in the House of Jehovah, in
the chamber of Gemariah the son of Shaphan the scribe,
in the Upper Court, at the doorway of the new gate of the
house of Jehovah, in the ears of all the people.

When Michaiah the son of Gemariah, the son of Shaphan, 11
had heard out of the book all the words of Jehovah, then 12
he went down to the king's house, into the scribe's cham-
ber; and, lo, all the princes sat there, even Elishama the
scribe, and Delaiah the son of Shemaiah, and Elnathan
the son of Achbor, and Gemariah the son of Shaphan, and
Zedekiah the son of Hananiah, and all the princes. Then 13
Michaiah declared to them all the words that he had heard,
when Baruch read the book in the ears of the people.
Therefore all the princes sent Jehudi the son of Netha- 14
niah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Cushi, to Baruch,
saying, 'Take in thine hand the roll wherein thou hast
'read in the ears of the people, and come.' So Baruch the
son of Neriah took the roll in his hand, and came to them.
And they said to him, 'Sit down now, and read it in our 15
'ears.' So Baruch read it in their ears. Now it came to pass, 16
when they heard all the words, they looked in fear one to
the other, and said to Baruch, 'We will surely tell the
'king of all these words.' And they asked Baruch, saying, 17
'Tell us now, How didst thou write all these words at his
'mouth?' Then Baruch said to them, 'He pronounced all 18
'these words to me with his mouth, and I wrote them with
'ink in the book.' Then said the princes to Baruch, 'Go, 19
'hide thyself, thou and Jeremiah; and let no man know
'where ye be.'

And they went in to the king into the court, but they 20
laid up the roll in the chamber of Elishama the scribe, and
told all the words in the ears of the king. So the king 21
sent Jehudi to fetch the roll; and he took it out of Elishama
the scribe's chamber. And Jehudi read it in the ears of
the king, and in the ears of all the princes who stood
beside the king. Now the king sat in the winter-house in 22
the ninth month; and there was a fire-pot burning before

him. And it came to pass, that when Jehudi had read three or four leaves, he cut it with a scribe's knife, and cast it into the fire that was in the fire-pot, until all the roll was consumed in the fire that was in the fire-pot. Yet they were not afraid, nor rent their garments, neither the king, nor any of his servants that heard all these words. Nevertheless Elnathan and Delaiah and Gemariah had made intercession to the king that he would not burn the roll; but he would not hear them. But the king commanded Jerahmeel the king's son, and Seraiah the son of Azriel, and Shelemiah the son of Abdeel, to take Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet; but Jehovah hid them.

THEN THE WORD OF JEHOVAH came to Jeremiah, after that the king had burned the roll, and the words which Baruch wrote at the mouth of Jeremiah, saying, 'Take to thee again 'another roll, and write in it all the former words that were 'in the first roll, which Jehoiakim the king of Judah hath 'burned. And thou shalt say concerning Jehoiakim king 'of Judah, Thus saith Jehovah; Thou hast burned this 'roll, saying, Why hast thou written therein, saying, The 'king of Babylon shall certainly come and destroy this land, 'and shall cause to cease from thence man and beast? Therefore thus saith Jehovah concerning Jehoiakim king of 'Judah; He shall have none to sit upon the throne of 'David; and his dead body shall be cast out in the day to 'the heat, and in the night to the frost. And I will punish 'him and his seed and his servants for their iniquity; and 'I will bring upon them, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and upon the men of Judah, all the evil that I have 'pronounced against them; but they hearkened not.' Then took Jeremiah another roll, and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of Neriah; who wrote therein from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire. And there were added besides to them many like words.

AND KING ZEDEKIAH the son of Josiah reigned instead of Coniah [or Jehoiachin] the son of Jehoiakim, whom Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon made king in the land of Judah. But neither he, nor his servants, nor the people of the land, did hearken to the words of Jehovah, which he spake by the hand of the prophet Jeremiah. And Zedekiah the

king sent Jehucal the son of Shelemiah and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest to the prophet Jeremiah, saying, 'Pray now to Jehovah our God for us.' Now Jeremiah came in and went out among the people; for they had not put him into prison. Then the army of Pharaoh [Hophra] was come forth out of Egypt; and when the Chaldeans that besieged Jerusalem heard tidings of them, they departed from Jerusalem.

Then came the word of Jehovah to the prophet Jeremiah, saying, 'Thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel; Thus shall 'ye say to the king of Judah, that sent you to me to inquire of me; Behold, Pharaoh's army, which is come forth 'to help you, shall return to Egypt, their own land. And 'the Chaldeans shall come again, and fight against this city, 'and shall take it, and burn it with fire. Thus saith Jehovah; Deceive not yourselves, saying, The Chaldeans will 'surely depart from us. For they shall not depart. For 'though ye had smitten the whole army of the Chaldeans 'that fight against you, and there remained but wounded 'men among them, yet would they rise up every man in 'his tent, and burn this city, with fire.'

And it came to pass, that when the army of the Chaldeans was broken up from Jerusalem for fear of Pharaoh's army, then Jeremiah went forth out of Jerusalem to go into the land of Benjamin, to receive a portion of land there in the midst of the people. And when he was at the Gate of Benjamin, a captain of the ward was there, whose name was Irijah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Hananiah; and he seized Jeremiah the prophet, saying, 'Thou 'revoltest unto the Chaldeans.' Then said Jeremiah, 'It 'is false; I do not revolt to the Chaldeans.' But he hearkened not to him. So Irijah seized on Jeremiah, and brought him to the princes. And the princes were wroth with Jeremiah, and smote him, and put him in a house of fetters in the house of Jonathan the scribe; for they had made that the prison.

When Jeremiah was entered into the dungeon [or house with a pit], and into the cells, and Jeremiah had remained there many days; then Zedekiah the king sent, and took him out. And the king asked him secretly in his house, and said, 'Is there any word from Jehovah?' And Jeremiah said, 'There is;' and he said, 'Thou wilt be delivered

18 'into the hand of the king of Babylon.' Moreover Jeremiah said to king Zedekiah, 'What have I offended against 'thee, or against thy servants, or against this people, that 19 'ye have put me in prison? Where are now your prophets 'who prophesied to you, saying, The king of Babylon shall 20 'not come against you, nor against this land? Therefore 'hear now, I pray thee, O my lord the king; let my sup'plication, I pray thee, be laid down before thee; and 'cause me not to return to the house of Jonathan the 21 'scribe, lest I die there.' Then Zedekiah the king commanded that they should commit Jeremiah into the court of the watch-house, and that they should give him daily a circular loaf of bread out of the bakers' street, until all the bread in the city were spent. Thus Jeremiah remained in the court of the watch-house.

1 Then Shephatiah the son of Mattan, and Gedaliah the son of Pashur, and Jucal the son of Shelemiah, and Pashur the son of Malchiah, heard the words that Jeremiah had 2 spoken to all the people, saying, 'Thus saith Jehovah, He 'that remaineth in this city shall die by the sword, by the 'famine, or by the pestilence. But he that goeth forth to 'the Chaldeans shall live; for his life shall be for a prey, 3 'but he shall live. Thus saith Jehovah, This city shall 'surely be given into the hand of the king of Babylon's 4 'army, which shall take it.' Therefore the princes said to the king, 'We beseech thee, let this man be put to death; 'for thus he weakeneth the hands of the men of war that 'remain in this city, and the hands of all the people, in 'speaking such words unto them. For this man seeketh 5 'not the welfare of this people, but the hurt.' Then Zedekiah the king said, 'Behold, he is in your hand; for the 6 'king can do nothing against you.' Then took they Jeremiah, and cast him into the pit of Malchiah the king's son, that was in the court of the watch-house; and they let down Jeremiah with cords. And in the pit there was no water, but mire; so Jeremiah sunk into the mire.

7 Now Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, one of the chamberlains who was in the king's house, heard that they had put Jeremiah into the pit; and the king was sitting at the Gate 8 of Benjamin. And Ebed-melech went forth out of the 9 king's house, and spake to the king, saying, 'My lord the 'king, these men have done evil in all that they have done

'to Jeremiah the prophet, whom they have cast into the
'pit; and he is like to die for hunger in the place where
'he is; for there is no more bread in the city.' Then the 10
king commanded Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, saying, 'Take
'from hence thirty men with thee, and take up Jeremiah
'the prophet out of the pit, before he die.' So Ebed-me- 11
lech took the men with him, and went into the house of
the king under the treasury, and took thence torn rags
and worn-out rags, and let them down by cords into the
pit to Jeremiah. And Ebed-melech the Ethiopian said to 12
Jeremiah, 'Put now these torn and worn-out rags under
'thine arm-pits under the cords.' And Jeremiah did so.
So they drew up Jeremiah with the cords, and took him 13
up out of the pit. And Jeremiah remained in the court of
the watch-house.

Then Zedekiah the king sent, and took Jeremiah the 14
prophet to him into the third entrance that is in the House
of Jehovah; and the king said to Jeremiah, 'I will ask
'thee a thing; hide nothing from me.' Then Jeremiah 15
said to Zedekiah, 'If I declare it to thee, wilt thou not
'surely put me to death? And if I give thee counsel, thou
'wilt not hearken unto me.' So Zedekiah the king sware 16
secretly to Jeremiah, saying, 'As Jehovah liveth, that
'made for us this soul, I will not put thee to death, neither
'will I give thee into the hand of these men that seek thy
'life.' Then said Jeremiah to Zedekiah, 'Thus saith Jeho- 17
'vah, the God of hosts, the God of Israel; If thou wilt
'assuredly go forth to the king of Babylon's princes, then
'thy soul shall live, and this city shall not be burned with
'fire; and thou shalt live, and thy house. But if thou 18
'wilt not go forth to the king of Babylon's princes, then
'shall this city be given into the hand of the Chaldeans,
'and they shall burn it with fire, and thou shalt not escape
'out of their hand.' And Zedekiah the king said to Jere- 19
miah, 'I am afraid of the Jews that have revolted to the
'Chaldeans, lest they deliver me up into their hand, and
'they make sport of me.' But Jeremiah said, 'They will 20
'not deliver thee up. Obey, I beseech thee, the voice of
'Jehovah, which I speak unto thee. So it shall be well
'unto thee, and thy soul shall live. But if thou refuse to 21
'go forth, this is the word that Jehovah hath shewed me.
'And, behold, all the women that are left in the king of 22

'Judah's house will be brought forth to the king of Baby-
'lon's princes, and those women will say, Thy friends
'have urged thee on, and have prevailed against thee; thy
23 'feet are sunk in the mire, and they are turned back. So
'they will bring out all thy wives and thy children to the
'Chaldeans; and thou wilt not escape out of their hand,
'but wilt be taken by the hand of the king of Babylon;
24 'and this city will be burned with fire.' Then said Zede-
kiah to Jeremiah, 'Let no man know of these words, and
25 'thou shalt not die. But if the princes hear that I have
'talked with thee, and they come to thee, and say to thee,
'Declare to us now what thou hast said to the king, hide
'it not from us, and we will not put thee to death; also
26 'what the king said to thee; then thou shalt say to them,
'I laid down my supplication before the king, that he
'would not cause me to return to Jonathan's house, to die
27 'there.' Then came all the princes to Jeremiah, and asked
him. And he told them according to all these words that
the king had commanded. So they left off speaking with
28 him; for the matter was not perceived. So Jeremiah abode
in the court of the watch-house until the day that Jerusa-
lem was taken.

1 And it came to pass when Jerusalem was taken, in
the ninth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the tenth
month, that Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon and all his
2 army came against Jerusalem, and they besieged it. And
in the eleventh year of Zedekiah [B.C. 589], in the fourth
month, on the ninth day of the month, the city was broken
3 into. And all the princes of the king of Babylon came in,
and sat in the Middle Gate, even Nergal-sharezer, Samgar-
nebo, Sarsechim the chief of the chamberlains, Nergal-
sharezer the chief of the Magians, with all the residue of
the princes of the king of Babylon.

4 And it came to pass, that when Zedekiah the king of
Judah saw them, and all the men of war, then they fled,
and went forth out of the city by night, by the way of the
king's garden, by the gate betwixt the two walls; and he
5 went out by the way of the Barren Valley. But the Chal-
deans' army pursued after them, and overtook Zedekiah in
the barren plains of Jericho. And when they had taken
him, they brought him up to Nebuchadnezzar king of Baby-
lon to Riblah in the land of Hamath, where he gave judg-

ment upon him. Then the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah at Riblah before his eyes; also the king of Babylon slew all the nobles of Judah. Moreover he put out Zedekiah's eyes, and bound him with copper fetters, to carry him to Babylon.

And the Chaldeans burned the king's house, and the houses of the people, with fire, and brake down the walls of Jerusalem. Then Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard carried away captive into Babylon the remnant of the people that remained in the city, both those that revolted, that revolted to him, and the rest of the people that remained. But Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard left of the poor 10
of the people, who had nothing, in the land of Judah, and gave them vineyards and plowed lands at the same time.

Now Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon gave charge con- 11
cerning Jeremiah by the hand of Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard, saying, 'Take him, and keep thine eyes on 12
'him, and do him no harm; but do to him even as he shall 'say to thee.' So Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard 13
sent, and Nebushasban the chief of the chamberlains, and Nergal-sharezer the chief of the Magians, and all the king of Babylon's captains; even they sent, and took Jeremiah 14
out of the court of the watch-house, and committed him to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, that he should carry him home. So he dwelt among the people.

Now the word of Jehovah came to Jeremiah, while he 15
was shut up in the court of the watch-house, saying, 'Go 16
'and speak to Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, saying, Thus 'saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will 'bring my words upon this city for evil, and not for good; 'and they shall come to pass before thee in that day. But 17
'I will save thee in that day, Jehovah hath said it; and 'thou shalt not be given into the hand of the men of whom 'thou art afraid. For I will surely deliver thee, and thou 18
'shalt not fall by the sword, but thy life shall be for a prey; 'because thou hast put thy trust in me, Jehovah hath said 'it.'

The word that came to Jeremiah from Jehovah, after that 1
Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard had let him go from Ramah, when he had taken him bound in chains among all that were carried away captive of Jerusalem and Judah, who were carried away captive to Babylon. And the cap- 2

tain of the guard took Jeremiah, and said to him, 'Jeho-
18 'vah thy God pronounced this evil upon this place. And
'Jehovah hath brought it, and hath done according as
'he said; because ye have sinned against Jehovah, and
'have not obeyed his voice, therefore this thing is come
14 'upon you. And now, behold, I loose thee this day from
'the chains which are upon thine hand. If it seem good
'to thee to come with me to Babylon, come; and I will
'keep mine eyes upon thee; but if it seem ill to thee to
'come with me to Babylon, forbear. Behold, all the land
'is before thee; whither it seemeth good and convenient
15 'for thee to go, thither go.' Now while he was not yet
gone back, [he said,] 'Go back also to Gedaliah the son of
'Ahikam the son of Shaphan, whom the king of Babylon
'hath made governor over the cities of Judah, and dwell
'with him among the people; or go wheresoever it seemeth
'convenient to thee to go.' So the captain of the guard
16 gave him victuals and a present, and let him go. Then
went Jeremiah to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to Mizpah;
and dwelt with him among the people that were left in the
land.

17 Now when all the captains of the forces which were in
the fields, even they and their men, heard that the king of
Babylon had made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam governor in
the land, and had committed to him men, and women, and
little children, even of the poor of the land, of them that
18 were not carried away captive to Babylon; then they came
to Gedaliah to Mizpah, even Ishmael the son of Nethaniah,
and Johanan and Jonathan the sons of Kareah, and Seraiah
the son of Tanhumeth, and the sons of Ephai the Neto-
phathite, and Jezaniah the son of a Maachathite, they and
19 their men. And Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of
Shaphan sware to them and to their men, saying, 'Fear not
'to serve the Chaldeans; dwell in the land, and serve the
20 'king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you. As for
'me, behold, I will dwell at Mizpah, to stand before the
'Chaldeans, who come unto us; but ye, gather ye wine, and
'summer fruits, and oil, and put them in your vessels, and
21 'dwell in your cities that ye have taken.' Likewise when
all the Jews that were in Moab, and among the Children
of Ammon, and in Edom, and that were in all the coun-
tries, heard that the king of Babylon had left a remnant

of Judah, and that he had set over them Gedaliah the
son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan; even all the Jews 1
returned out of all places whither they were driven, and
came into the land of Judah, unto Gedaliah, at Mizpah, and
gathered wine and summer fruits very much.

Moreover Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the cap- 1
tains of the forces that were in the fields, came to Gedaliah
to Mizpah, and said to him, 'Dost thou certainly know 1
'that Baalis the king of the Children of Ammon hath sent
'Ishmael the son of Nethaniah to smite thy life?' But Ge-
daliah the son Ahikam believed them not. Then Johanan 1
the son of Kareah spake to Gedaliah in Mizpah secretly,
saying, 'Let me go, I pray thee, and I will smite Ishmael
'the son of Nethaniah, and no man shall know it. Where-
'fore should he smite thy life, so that all the Jews that
'are gathered to thee should be scattered, and the remnant
'in Judah should perish?' But Gedaliah the son of Ahi- 1
kam said to Johanan the son of Kareah, 'Thou shalt not
'do this thing; for thou speakest falsely of Ishmael.'

Now it came to pass in the seventh month, that Ishmael 1
the son of Nethaniah the son of Elishama, of the seed royal,
and the princes of the king, even ten men with him, came
to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to Mizpah; and there they
did eat bread together in Mizpah. Then arose Ishmael the 2
son of Nethaniah, and the ten men that were with him,
and smote Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan
with the sword, and slew him, whom the king of Babylon
had made governor over the land. Ishmael also smote all 3
the Jews that were with him, even with Gedaliah, at
Mizpah, and the Chaldeans that were found there, and the
men of war. And it came to pass on the second day after 4
he had slain Gedaliah, and no man knew it, that certain 5
men from Shechem, from Shiloh, and from Samaria, even
fourscore men, having their beards shaven, and their clothes
rent, and having cut themselves, came with meal offerings
and incense in their hand, to bring them to the House of
Jehovah. And Ishmael the son of Nethaniah went forth 6
from Mizpah to meet them, weeping as he went along.
And it came to pass, as he met them, he said to them,
'Come to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam.' And it was so, 7
when they came into the midst of the city, that Ishmael
the son of Nethaniah slew them, and cast them into the

midst of the pit, he, and the men that were with him.
8 But ten men were found among them that said to Ishmael,
'Slay us not; for we have hidden treasures in the field, of
'wheat, and of barley, and of oil, and of honey.' So he
9 forbare, and slew them not among their brethren. Now
the pit wherein Ishmael had cast all the dead bodies of the
men, whom he had slain together with Gedaliah, was that
which Asa the king had made for fear of Baasha king of
Israel. And Ishmael the son of Nethaniah filled it with
10 them that were slain. Then Ishmael carried away captive
all the residue of the people that were in Mizpah, even
the king's daughters, and all the people that remained in
Mizpah, whom Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard had
committed to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam; and Ishmael
the son of Nethaniah carried them away captive, and de-
parted to go over [the Jordan] to the Children of Ammon.
11 But when Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the cap-
tains of the forces that were with him, heard of all the evil
12 that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had done, then they
took all the men, and went to fight against Ishmael the
son of Nethaniah, and found him by the great waters [or
13 pool] in Gibeon. Now it came to pass, that when all the
people that were with Ishmael saw Johanan the son of
Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that were with
14 him, then they were glad. So all the people that Ishmael
had carried away captive from Mizpah turned about and
15 came back, and went to Johanan the son of Kareah. But
Ishmael the son of Nethaniah escaped from Johanan with
16 eight men, and went to the Children of Ammon. Then
Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the
forces that were with him, took all the remnant of the people
whom he had brought back from Ishmael the son of Netha-
niah, from Mizpah, after that he had smitten Gedaliah the
son of Ahikam, even mighty men of war, and the women,
and the little children, and the chamberlains, whom he
17 had brought again from Gibeon. And they departed, and
tarried in the halting place of Chimham, which is by Beth-
18 lehem, on going to enter into Lower Egypt, because of the
Chaldeans. For they were afraid of them, because Ishmael
the son of Nethaniah had smitten Gedaliah the son of
Ahikam, whom the king of Babylon made governor in the
land.

Then all the captains of the forces, and Johanan the son 1
of Kareah, and Jezaniah the son of Hoshaiah, and all the
people from the least even unto the greatest, came near;
and they said to Jeremiah the prophet, 'Let, we beseech 2
'thee, our supplication be laid down before thee, and pray
'thou for us to Jehovah thy God, on behalf of all this
'remnant; (for we are left but a few out of many, as thine
'eyes do behold us;) that Jehovah thy God may shew 3
'us the way wherein we should go, and the thing that we
'may do.' Then Jeremiah the prophet said to them, 'I 4
'have heard you. Behold, I will pray to Jehovah your
'God according to your words; and it shall come to pass,
'that whatsoever thing Jehovah shall answer about you,
'I will declare it to you; I will keep nothing back from
'you.' Then they said to Jeremiah, 'May Jehovah be a 5
'true and faithful witness between us, if we do not do even
'according to all things for which Jehovah thy God shall
'send thee to us. Whether it be good, or whether it be 6
'evil, we will obey the voice of Jehovah our God, to whom
'we send thee; so that it may be well with us, when we
'obey the voice of Jehovah our God.'

And it came to pass after ten days, that the word of 7
Jehovah came to Jeremiah. Then he called Johanan the 8
son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces who were
with him, and all the people from the least even to the
greatest, and said to them, 'Thus saith Jehovah, the God of 9
'Israel, to whom ye sent me to lay down your supplication
'before him; If ye will still abide in this land, then will I 10
'build you up, and not pull you down, and I will plant you,
'and not pluck you up; for I repent me of the evil that I
'have done unto you. Be not afraid of the king of Babylon, 11
'of whom ye are afraid; be not afraid of him, Jehovah hath
'said it; for I am with you to save you, and to deliver you
'from his hand. And I will shew mercies to you, that he 12
'may have mercy on you, and may cause you to return to
'your own land. But if ye say, We will not dwell in this 13
'land, neither will we obey the voice of Jehovah your God,
'saying, No; but we will go into the land of Lower Egypt, 14
'where we shall see no war, nor hear the sound of the trum-
'pet, nor have hunger for bread; and there will we dwell;
'even now therefore hear the word of Jehovah, ye remnant 15
'of Judah; Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel;

'If ye wholly set your faces to enter into Lower Egypt, and
16 'go to sojourn there; then it shall come to pass, that the
'sword, which ye fear, shall overtake you there in the land
'of Lower Egypt, and the famine, whereof ye are afraid,
'shall follow close after you there in Lower Egypt; and
17 'there ye shall die. So shall it be with all the men that
'set their faces to go into Lower Egypt to sojourn there;
'they shall die by the sword, by famine, and by pestilence;
'and none of them shall remain or escape from the evil that
18 'I will bring upon them. For thus saith Jehovah of hosts,
'the God of Israel; As mine anger and my wrath hath been
'poured forth upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem; so shall
'my wrath be poured forth upon you, when ye shall go
'into Lower Egypt. And ye shall be an execration, and
'an astonishment, and a curse, and a reproach; and ye shall
'see this place no more.
19 'This is the word of Jehovah concerning you, O ye
'remnant of Judah; Go ye not into Lower Egypt; know
20 'certainly that I have protested against you this day. For
'ye used deceit in your hearts, when ye sent me to Jeho-
'vah your God, saying, Pray for us to Jehovah our God;
'and according to all that Jehovah our God shall say, so
21 'declare to us, and we will do it. And now I have this
'day declared it to you; but ye have not obeyed the voice
'of Jehovah your God, nor any thing for which he hath
22 'sent me to you. Now therefore know certainly that ye
'shall die by the sword, by famine, and by pestilence, in
'the place whither ye desire to go and to sojourn.'
1 And it came to pass, that when Jeremiah had made an
end of speaking to all the people all the words of Jehovah
their God, for which Jehovah their God had sent him to
2 them, even all these words, then spake Azariah the son of
Hoshaiah, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the
proud men, saying to Jeremiah, 'Thou speakest falsely.
'Jehovah our God hath not sent thee to say, Go not into
3 'Lower Egypt to sojourn there. But Baruch the son of
'Neriah setteth thee on against us, to deliver us into the
'hand of the Chaldeans, that they might put us to death,
4 'or carry us away captives to Babylon.' So Johanan the
son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces, and all
the people, obeyed not the voice of Jehovah, to dwell in
5 the land of Judah. But Johanan the son of Kareah, and

all the captains of the forces, took all the remnant of Judah, that were returned from all the nations, whither they had been driven, to sojourn in the land of Judah; even the men, 6
and the women, and the little children, and the king's daughters, and every soul that Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard had left with Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and also Jeremiah the prophet, and Baruch the son of Neriah; and they came into the land of Lower 7
Egypt; for they obeyed not the voice of Jehovah. And they came to Tahpanhes.

Then came the word of Jehovah to Jeremiah in Tah- 8
panhes, saying, Take great stones in thy hand, and hide 9
them in the mortar in the brickwork, which is at the doorway of Pharaoh's house in Tahpanhes, in the sight of the men of Judah; and say to them, Thus saith Jehovah of 10
hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will send and take Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will set his throne upon these stones that I have hidden; and he shall spread his royal canopy over them. And when 11
he cometh, he shall smite the land of Egypt, such as are for death unto death, and such as are for captivity unto captivity, and such as are for the sword unto the sword. And 12
I will kindle a fire in the houses of the gods of Lower Egypt; and he shall burn them, and carry them away captives. And he shall clothe himself with the land of Egypt, as a shepherd clotheth himself with his garment; and he shall go forth from thence in peace. He shall break also 13
the pillars [or obelisks] of Beth-shemesh [or Heliopolis], that is in the land of Lower Egypt; and the houses of the gods of the Egyptians shall he burn with fire.

THE WORD THAT CAME TO JEREMIAH concerning all the 1
Jews that dwell in the land of Lower Egypt, who dwell at Migdol [or Magdolon], and at Tahpanhes, and at Noph [or Memphis], and in the land of Pathros [or Upper Egypt], saying, Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel; Ye 2
have seen all the evil that I have brought upon Jerusalem, and upon all the cities of Judah; and, behold, this day they are a desolation, and no man dwelleth therein, because of 3
their wickedness which they have committed to provoke me to anger, in that they went to burn incense, and to serve other gods, whom they knew not, neither they, nor ye, nor your fathers. Howbeit I sent to you all my servants the 4

prophets, rising up early and sending them, saying, 'Oh, do
5 'not do this abominable thing that I hate.' But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear to turn from their wicked-
6 ness, so as not to burn incense to other gods. Therefore my wrath and mine anger was poured forth, and was kindled in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem; and they are become a waste and a desolation, as at this day.

7 And now thus saith Jehovah, the God of hosts, the God of Israel; Wherefore commit ye this great evil against your souls, to cut off from you man and woman, child and suck-
8 ling, out of Judah, so as to leave you none to remain; in that ye provoke me to wrath with the works of your hands, burning incense to other gods in the land of Lower Egypt, whither ye are gone to sojourn, so that ye might cut yourselves off, and so that ye might be a curse and a reproach
9 among all the nations of the earth? Have ye forgotten the wickedness of your fathers, and the wickedness of the kings of Judah, and the wickedness of their wives, and your own wickedness, and the wickedness of your wives, which they have committed in the land of Judah, and in the streets of
10 Jerusalem? They are not humbled even to this day, neither do they fear, nor walk in my Law, nor in my statutes, that I set before you and before your fathers.

11 Therefore thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will set my face against you for evil, and to cut
12 off all Judah. And I will take the remnant of Judah, that have set their faces to go into the land of Lower Egypt to sojourn there, and they shall all be consumed, and fall in the land of Lower Egypt; they shall even be consumed by the sword and by famine. They shall die, from the least even to the greatest, by the sword and by famine; and they shall be an execration, and an astonishment, and a curse,
13 and a reproach. For I will punish them that dwell in the land of Lower Egypt, as I have punished Jerusalem, by
14 the sword, by famine, and by pestilence; and none of the remnant of Judah, who are gone into the land of Lower Egypt to sojourn there, shall escape or remain, so that they should return to the land of Judah, whither they have set their hearts to return to dwell there; for none shall return even if they do escape.

15 Then all the men who knew that their wives had burned incense to other gods, and all the women that stood by, a

great assembly, even all the people that dwelt in the land of Lower Egypt, and in Pathros [or Upper Egypt], answered Jeremiah, saying, 'As for the word that thou hast spoken 16
'to us in the name of Jehovah, we will not hearken to thee.
'But we will certainly do whatsoever word goeth forth 17
'out of our own mouth, to burn incense to the Queen of
'Heaven, and to pour out drink offerings to her, as we have
'done, we, and our fathers, our kings, and our princes, in
'the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem. For
'then had we plenty of bread, and were well, and saw no
'evil. But since we left off burning incense to the Queen 18
'of Heaven, and pouring out drink offerings to her, we have
'wanted all things, and have been consumed by the sword
'and by famine. And when we burned incense to the 19
'Queen of Heaven, and poured out drink offerings to her,
'did we make for her cakes to worship her, and pour out
'drink offerings to her, without our husbands?'

Then Jeremiah said to all the people, to the men, and to 20
the women, and to all the people who had given him that answer, saying, 'The incense that ye burned in the cities 21
'of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, ye, and your
'fathers, your kings, and your princes, and the people of
'the land, did not Jehovah remember them, and came it
'not into his mind? So that Jehovah could no longer bear, 22
'because of the evil of your doings, because of the abomi-
'nations which ye committed; therefore is your land a
'desolation, and an astonishment, and a curse, without an
'inhabitant, as at this day. Because ye have burned in- 23
'cense, and because ye have sinned against Jehovah, and
'have not obeyed the voice of Jehovah, nor walked in his
'law, nor in his statutes, nor in his testimonies; therefore
'this evil is happened to you, as at this day.'

Moreover Jeremiah said to all the people, and to all the 24
women, 'Hear ye the word of Jehovah, all Judah that are
'in the land of Lower Egypt. Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, 25
'the God of Israel, saying; Ye and your wives have both
'spoken with your mouths, and fulfilled with your hand,
'saying, We will surely perform our vows that we have
'vowed, to burn incense to the Queen of Heaven, and to
'pour out drink offerings to her. Ye will surely accom-
'plish your vows, and surely perform your vows. Therefore 26
'hear ye the word of Jehovah, all Judah that dwell in the

'land of Lower Egypt; Behold, I have sworn by my great
'name, saith Jehovah, that my name shall no more be
'named in the mouth of any man of Judah in all the land
'of Lower Egypt, saying, As the Lord Jehovah liveth.
27 'Behold, I will watch over them for evil, and not for good;
'and all the men of Judah that are in the land of Lower
'Egypt shall be consumed by the sword and by famine,
28 'until there be an end of them. And they that escape the
'sword shall return out of the land of Lower Egypt into
'the land of Judah few in number, and all the remnant of
'Judah, that are gone into the land of Lower Egypt to
'sojourn there, shall know whose words shall stand, mine,
'or theirs.
29 'And this shall be a sign to you, Jehovah hath said it,
'that I will punish you in this place, so that ye may know
'that my words shall surely stand against you for evil;
30 'thus saith Jehovah; Behold, I will give Pharaoh Hophra
'king of Egypt into the hand of his enemies, and into
'the hand of them that seek his life; as I gave Zede-
'kiah king of Judah into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king
'of Babylon, his enemy, and who sought his life.'

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1 THE WORD THAT JEREMIAH the prophet spake to Baruch
the son of Neriah, when he wrote these words in a book
at the mouth of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim
2 the son of Josiah king of Judah [B.C. 607], saying, Thus
3 saith Jehovah, the God of Israel, to thee, O Baruch; Thou
didst say, 'Woe is me now! for Jehovah addeth grief to my
'sorrow; I am weary with my sighing, and I find no rest.'
4 Thus shalt thou say to him, Jehovah saith thus; Behold,
what I have built up will I break down, and what I have
5 planted I will pluck up, even this whole land. And seekest
thou great things for thyself? Seek them not; for, behold,
I will bring evil upon all flesh, Jehovah hath said it; but
thy life will I give to thee; it shall be for a prey in all
places whither thou goest.

1 The word of Jehovah which came to Jeremiah the
prophet against the Nations;
2 AGAINST EGYPT, against the army of Pharaoh Necho king
of Egypt, which was by the river Euphrates in Carchemish,
whom Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon smote in the fourth
year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah [B.C.

607]. Set ye in order the buckler and shield, and draw near to battle; harness the horses; and get up, ye horsemen, and stand forth with your helmets; polish the spears, and put on the coats of mail. Wherefore do I see them dismayed and turned away back? and their warriors are beaten down, and are fled apace, and they look not back; for *terror is on all sides*, Jehovah hath said it. Let not the swift flee away, nor the warrior escape; they shall stumble, and fall toward the north by the banks of the river Euphrates.

Who is this that cometh up as a flood, whose waters are moved as the rivers? Egypt cometh up like a flood, and his waters are moved like the rivers; and he saith, 'I will 'go up, and will cover the land; I will destroy the city 'and its inhabitants.' Come up, ye horses; and rage, ye chariots; and let the warriors come forth; the Ethiopians, and Phut [or the Africans], that handle the shield; and the Lydians [or Egyptian Arabs], that handle and bend the bow. For this is the day of the Lord Jehovah of hosts, a day of vengeance, that he may avenge himself of his adversaries; and the sword shall devour, and it shall be satisfied and shall be soaked with their blood; for the Lord Jehovah of hosts hath a sacrifice in the north country by the river Euphrates.

Go up into Gilead, and take balm, O virgin daughter of Egypt. In vain shalt thou multiply medicines; there shall be no healing plaster for thee. The nations have heard of thy shame, and thy cry hath filled the land; for warrior hath stumbled against warrior, and they are both fallen together.

THE WORD THAT JEHOVAH spake to Jeremiah the prophet, how Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon should come and smite the land of Lower Egypt.

Declare ye in Lower Egypt, and publish in Migdol [or Magdolon], and publish in Noph [or Memphis], and in Tahpanhes; say ye, 'Stand fast, and prepare thee;' for the sword shall devour round about thee. Why are thy valiant men swept away? They stood not, because Jehovah did drive them away. He made many to stumble, yea, one fell upon another. And they said, 'Arise, and let us go 'again to our own people, and to the land of our birth, 'from the oppressing sword.' They did cry there, 'Pharaoh

'king of Egypt is but a noise; he hath passed the time
18 'appointed.' As I live, the King hath said it, whose
name is Jehovah of hosts, Surely as Tabor is among the
mountains, and as Carmel is by the sea, so surely shall he
19 come. O thou daughter dwelling in Egypt, furnish thyself
to go into captivity; for Noph shall be waste and burned
20 up without an inhabitant. Egypt is like a very fair heifer,
21 but destruction out of the north is coming, is coming. Also
her hirelings [the Greeks] in the midst of her are like stalled
bullocks; for they also are turned back, and are fled away
together. They did not stand, because the day of their
calamity was come upon them, the time of their visitation.
22 Her voice shall go like a serpent; for they [the Babylo-
nians] shall march with an army, and shall come against
23 her with axes, as hewers of wood. They shall cut down
her forest, Jehovah hath said it, though it cannot be
searched; because they are more than the grasshoppers,
24 and they cannot be counted. The daughter of Egypt shall
be confounded; she shall be delivered into the hand of the
25 people of the North. Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel,
saith, Behold, I will punish Amun-Mno [or Thebes], and
Pharaoh, and the Egyptians, and their gods, and their
26 kings; even Pharaoh, and them that trust in him. And
I will deliver them into the hand of those that seek their
lives, and into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Baby-
lon, and into the hand of his servants.

But afterward it shall be inhabited, as in the days of
27 old, Jehovah hath said it. And fear not thou, O my ser-
vant Jacob, and be not dismayed, O Israel; for, behold, I
will save thee from afar off, and thy seed from the land of
their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and be in rest, and
28 he shall be at ease, and none shall make him afraid. Fear
not thou, O my servant Jacob, Jehovah hath said it, for I
am with thee; for I will make a full end of all the nations
whither I have driven thee. But I will not make a full
end of thee; but with judgment will I correct thee, and
I will not leave thee wholly unpunished.

1 The word of Jehovah that came to Jeremiah the prophet
AGAINST THE PHILISTINES, before Pharaoh [Hophra] smote
2 Gaza. Thus saith Jehovah; Behold, waters rise up out of
the North, and shall be an overflowing flood, and shall
overflow the land, and all that is therein; the city, and

them that dwell therein. Then the men shall cry, and all
the inhabitants of the land shall howl, at the noise of the
stamping of the hoofs of his strong horses, at the shaking
of his chariots, and at the rumbling of his wheels. The
fathers shall not look back to their children for feebleness
of hands; because of the day that cometh to destroy all the
Philistines, to cut off from Tyre and Sidon every helper
that remaineth. For Jehovah will spoil the Philistines,
the remnant of the island of Caphtor. Baldness is come
upon Gaza; Askalon is cut off with the remnant of their
valley.

'How long wilt thou be cutting? Alas! O thou sword of
'Jehovah, how long will it be ere thou be quiet? Put up
'thyself into thy scabbard, rest, and be still.'

How can it be quiet, seeing Jehovah hath given it a
charge against Askalon, and against the sea coast? there
hath he appointed it.

Against Moab thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of
Israel; Woe unto Nebo! for it is destroyed. Kirjathaim
is confounded and taken; Misgab is confounded and dis-
mayed. There is no more praise of Moab. In Heshbon
they have devised evil against it, [saying,] 'Come, and let
'us cut it off from being a nation.' Also thou shalt be
cut down, O Madmenah; the sword shall pursue after thee.
There is a voice of crying from Horonaim, spoiling and great
destruction. Moab is destroyed; her little ones have caused
a cry to be heard. For on the hill-road of Luhith weeping
shall go up with weeping; for at the Descent of Horonaim
the enemies have heard a cry of destruction, [saying,] 'Flee,
'save your lives, and be like the wild ass in the desert.'

For because thou hast trusted in thy works and in thy
treasures, thou shalt also be seized; and [the god] Chemosh
shall go forth into captivity with his priests and his princes
together. And the spoiler shall come upon every city, and
no city shall escape; the valley also shall perish, and the
table-land shall be destroyed, as Jehovah hath spoken.

Give wings to Moab, that it may flee and get away; for
its cities shall be desolate, without any to dwell therein.
Cursed be he that doeth the work of Jehovah idly, and
cursed be he that keepeth back his sword from blood.

Moab hath been at ease from his youth, and he hath
settled [like wine] upon his lees, and hath not been emptied

from vessel to vessel, neither hath he gone into captivity.
Therefore his taste hath remained in him, and his scent is
12 not changed. Therefore, behold, the days will come, Jeho-
vah hath said it, that I will send to him tilters that shall
tilt him up, and shall empty his vessels, and break their
13 empty bottles. And Moab shall be ashamed of Chemosh,
as the house of Israel was ashamed of Beth-el their trust.
14 How say ye, 'We are warriors and strong men for the war?'
15 Moab is spoiled, and her cities are gone up, and the chosen
of his young men are gone down to the slaughter, the King,
whose name is Jehovah of hosts, hath said it.
16 The calamity of Moab is near to come, and his affliction
17 hasteneth fast. All ye that are about him, bemoan him;
and all ye that know his name; say, 'How is the strong
18 'staff broken, and the beautiful rod!' Thou daughter that
dost inhabit Dibon, come down from thy glory, and sit in
thirst; for the spoiler of Moab will come upon thee, he
19 will destroy thy strongholds. O inhabitant of Aroer,
stand by the way, and look out; ask him that fleeth, and
her that escapeth; say, 'What is done?'
20 Moab is confounded; for it is broken down. Howl and
21 cry; tell ye it in Arnon, that Moab is spoiled, and judg-
ment is come upon the table-land; upon Holon, and upon
22 Jahazah, and upon Mephaath, and upon Dibon, and upon
23 Nebo, and upon Beth-diblathaim, and upon Kirjathaim,
24 and upon Beth-gamul, and upon Beth-maon, and upon
Kerioth, and upon Bozrah, and upon all the cities of the
25 land of Moab, far or near. The horn of Moab is cut off,
and his arm is broken, Jehovah hath said it.
26 Make ye him drunken; for he magnified himself against
Jehovah. Moab also shall wallow in his vomit, and he
27 also shall be in derision. For was not Israel a derision unto
thee? Was he found among thieves? For as often as
28 thou spakest of him, thou fledst away. O ye inhabitants of
Moab, leave the cities, and dwell in Selah [or Petra], and
be like the dove that maketh her nest in the parts beyond
the mouth of the chasm.
29 We have heard the pride of Moab, (he is exceeding
proud,) his loftiness, and his arrogance, and his pride, and
30 the haughtiness of his heart. I know his wrath, Jehovah
hath said it; but it shall not be so; his vain boastings shall
31 not so effect it. Therefore will I howl for Moab, and I will

cry out for all Moab; there shall be mourning for the men of Kir-haresh. I will weep for thee with the weeping of 32
Jazer; O vine of Sibmah, thy branches are gone over the sea, they reach even to the sea from Jazer. The spoiler is fallen upon thy summer fruits and upon thy vintage. And 33
joy and gladness are taken away from Carmel, and from the land of Moab; and I have caused wine to fail from the wine-presses; none shall tread with shouting; their shouting shall be no shouting. From the cry of Heshbon even unto 34
Elealeh, even unto Jahaz, they have uttered their voice, from Zoar even unto Horonaim, as a heifer of three years old; for the waters also of Nimrim shall be desolate. More- 35
over I will cause to cease in Moab, Jehovah hath said it, him that offereth on the High Places, and him that burneth incense to his gods. Therefore my heart shall sound for 36
Moab like pipes, and my heart shall sound like pipes for the men of Kir-haresh; because the remnant that he hath gotten is perished. For every head shall be bald, and every 37
beard clipped; upon all the hands shall be gashes, and upon the loins sackcloth. There shall be a general mourning 38
upon all the housetops of Moab, and in its broad places; for I have broken Moab like a vessel wherein I have no pleasure, Jehovah hath said it. They shall howl, [saying,] 'How is 39
'it broken down! how hath Moab turned his back with 'shame!' So shall Moab be a derision and a dismaying to all them about him.

For thus saith Jehovah; Behold, he [Nebuchadnezzar] 40
shall fly as an eagle, and shall spread his wings over Moab. Kerioth is taken, and the strongholds are seized, and the 41
warriors' hearts in Moab at that day shall be as the heart of a woman in her pangs. And Moab shall be destroyed from 42
being a people, because he hath magnified himself against Jehovah. Fear, and the pit, and the snare, shall be upon 43
thee, O inhabitant of Moab, Jehovah hath said it. He 44
that fleeth from the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that getteth up out of the pit shall be taken in the snare; for I will bring upon it, even upon Moab, the year of their visitation, Jehovah hath said it.

They that fled stood under the shadow of Heshbon for 45
want of strength. But a fire shall come forth out of Heshbon, and a flame from the midst of Sihon, and it shall devour the cheek of Moab, and the crown of the head of

46 the sons of tumult. Woe be to thee, O Moab! the people
of Chemosh perisheth. For thy sons are taken captives,
47 and thy daughters are in captivity. Yet will I bring home
again the captivity of Moab in the latter days, Jehovah
hath said it. Thus far is the judgment of Moab.

49 1 AGAINST THE CHILDREN OF AMMON, thus saith Jehovah:
Hath Israel no sons? hath he no heir? Why then doth
Milcom [or Molech] inherit Gad, and his people dwell in
2 his cities? Therefore, behold, the days come, Jehovah hath
said it, that I will cause an alarm of war to be heard in
Rabbah of the children of Ammon; and it shall be a deso-
late heap, and her daughters shall be burned with fire.
Then shall Israel dispossess them that dispossessed him,
saith Jehovah.

3 Howl, O Hesbon, for Ai is spoiled. Cry, ye daughters
of Rabbah, gird you with sackcloth; mourn, and run to
and fro within the fences; for Milcom shall go into cap-
4 tivity, his priests and his princes together. Wherefore
gloriest thou in the valleys, thy flowing valley, O back-
sliding daughter? that trusted in her treasures, [saying,]
5 'Who shall come unto me?' Behold, I will bring a fear
upon thee, the Lord Jehovah of hosts hath said it, from
all those that are about thee; and ye shall be driven out
every man right forth; and none shall gather up him that
6 wandereth. And afterward I will bring home again the
captivity of the children of Ammon, Jehovah hath said it.

7 AGAINST EDOM, thus saith Jehovah of hosts; Is wisdom
no more in Teman? Is counsel perished from the prudent?
8 Is their wisdom vanished? Flee ye, turn back, sink down
into your dwellings, O inhabitants of Dedan; for I will
bring the calamity of Esau on him, the time of my visita-
9 tion on him. If grapegatherers come to thee, will they not
leave some gleaning grapes? If thieves by night, they will
10 destroy only till they have enough. But I have made Esau
bare, I have uncovered his hiding places, and he shall not
be able to hide himself. His seed is spoiled, and his bre-
11 thren, and his neighbours; and he is no more. Leave thy
fatherless children, I will keep them alive; and let thy
widows trust in me.

12 For thus saith Jehovah; Behold, they who were not con-
demned to drink of the cup have assuredly drunken; and
art thou he that shall altogether go unpunished? Thou

shalt not go unpunished, but thou shalt surely drink of it.
For I have sworn by myself, Jehovah hath said it, that 13
Bozrah shall become a desolation, a reproach, a waste, and
a curse, and all its cities shall be wastes for ever. I have 14
heard a rumour from Jehovah, and a messenger is sent to
the Nations, [saying,] 'Gather yourselves together, and
'come against her, and rise up for battle.' For, lo, I will 15
make thee small among the Nations, and despised among
men. Thy terribleness hath deceived thee, and the pride 16
of thy heart, O thou that dwellest in the clefts of Selah
[or Petra], that holdest the height of the hill. Though
thou shouldest make thy nest as high as the eagle, I will
bring thee down from thence, Jehovah hath said it.

Thus Edom shall be a desolation; every one that goeth 17
by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss at all the calamities
thereof. As in the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah 18
and their neighbours, saith Jehovah, no man shall abide
there, neither shall a son of Adam sojourn in it. Behold, 19
he [Nebuchadnezzar] shall come up like a lion from the pride
[or headsprings] of the Jordan against the abode of the strong.
And I will suddenly make him [Edom] to run away from
thence. And who is a chosen man, that I may appoint
over her? For who is there like me? And who will meet
me in judgment? And who is that shepherd that will stand
before me? Therefore hear the counsel of Jehovah, that 20
he hath taken against Edom; and his purposes, that he
hath purposed against the inhabitants of Teman. Surely
they will tear them to pieces as little ones of the flock;
surely he will make their sheepfolds desolate for them.
The earth is moved at the noise of their fall, the noise of 21
the cry was heard in the Red sea. Behold, he shall come 22
up and fly as an eagle, and spread his wings over Bozrah.
And at that day shall the heart of the warriors of Edom
be as the heart of a woman in her pangs.

Against Damascus. Hamath is confounded, and Arpad; 23
for they have heard evil tidings. They are fainthearted;
there is terror on the sea; it cannot be quiet. Damascus 24
is waxed feeble, she turneth herself to flee, and fear hath
seized on her; anguish and sorrows have taken her, as a
woman in travail. 'How is the city of praise not left, the 25
'city of my joy!' Therefore her young men shall fall in 26
her broad places, and all the men of war shall be cut off in

27 that day, Jehovah of hosts hath said it. And I will kindle
a fire on the wall of Damascus, and it shall consume the
palace of Ben-hadad.
28 AGAINST KEDAR, and against the kingdoms of Hazor,
which Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon shall smite, thus
saith Jehovah; Arise ye, go up to Kedar, and spoil the
29 children of the East. Their tents and their flocks shall
they take away; they shall take to themselves their tent-
curtains, and all their vessels, and their camels; and they
shall cry to them, 'Terror is on all sides.'
30 Flee, get you far off, sink down into your dwellings, O
ye inhabitants of Hazor, Jehovah hath said it; for Nebu-
chadrezzar king of Babylon hath taken counsel against you,
and hath conceived a purpose against you.
31 Arise, [O Chaldeans,] get you up to the quiet nation,
that dwelleth as if in safety, Jehovah hath said it, they
32 have neither doors nor cross-bars, they dwell alone. And
their camels shall be a booty, and the multitude of their
cattle a spoil. And I will scatter unto all winds them that
are shorn on the cheek; and I will bring their calamity
33 from all those beyond them, Jehovah hath said it. And
Hazor shall be a dwelling for jackals, a desolation for ever.
There shall no man abide there, nor shall any son of Adam
sojourn in it.
34 The word of Jehovah that came to Jeremiah the prophet
AGAINST ELAM [or Western Persia] in the beginning of the
35 reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, saying, Thus saith Jeho-
vah of hosts; Behold, I will break the bow of Elam, the
36 chief of their might. And upon Elam will I bring the four
winds from the four quarters of the heavens, and I will
scatter them toward all those winds; and there shall be no
37 nation whither the outcasts of Elam shall not come. For
I will cause Elam to be dismayed before their enemies, and
before them that seek their life. And I will bring evil
upon them, even my fierce anger, Jehovah hath said it; and
I will send the sword after them, till I have consumed them.
38 And I will set my throne in Elam, and will destroy from
39 thence the king and the princes, Jehovah hath said it. But
it shall come to pass in the latter days, that I will bring
home again the captivity of Elam, Jehovah hath said it.

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1 The word that Jehovah spake AGAINST BABYLON and

against the land of the Chaldeans by the hand of Jeremiah
the prophet. Declare ye among the nations, and publish, 2
and lift up a standard; publish, and conceal not. Say,
'Babylon is taken, Bel is confounded. Merodach is broken
'in pieces; her images are confounded, her filthy idols are
'broken in pieces.' For out of the north there cometh up 3
a nation [the Medes] against her, who shall make her land
desolate; and none shall dwell therein; they shall remove,
they shall depart, both man and beast.

In those days, and in that time, Jehovah hath said it, the 4
children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah
together, going and weeping; they shall go, and seek Jeho-
vah their God. They shall ask the way to Zion with their 5
faces thitherward, [saying,] 'Come, and let us join ourselves
'to Jehovah in a perpetual covenant that shall not be for-
'gotten.' My people hath been lost sheep; their shepherds 6
have caused them to go astray, they have driven them about
on the mountains; they have gone from mountain to hill,
they have forgotten their resting-place. All that found 7
them have devoured them. And their adversaries said,
'We offend not, because they have sinned against Jehovah,
'the habitation of righteousness, even Jehovah, the hope of
'their fathers.'

Remove out of the midst of Babylon, and go forth out of 8
the land of the Chaldeans, and be as leader-goats before the
flocks. For, lo, I will raise and cause to come up against 9
Babylon an assembly of great nations from the north coun-
try; and they shall set themselves in array against her;
from thence she shall be taken, their arrows shall be as of a
skilful warrior. None shall return empty, but Chaldea 10
shall be a spoil; all that spoil her shall be satisfied, Jeho-
vah hath said it.

Because ye were glad, because ye rejoiced, O ye de- 11
stroyers of my heritage, because ye are grown fat as the
heifer at grass, and ye bellow as bulls; your mother shall 12
be sore confounded; she that bare you shall be ashamed.
Behold, she shall be the hindermost of nations, a desert, a
dry land, and a barren plain. Because of the wrath of 13
Jehovah it shall not be inhabited, but it shall be wholly
desolate. Every one that goeth by Babylon shall be as-
tonished, and shall hiss at all her calamities.

Put yourselves in array against Babylon round about; all 14

ye that bend the bow, shoot at her, spare no arrows; for
15 she hath sinned against Jehovah. Shout ye against her
round about; she hath stretched forth her hand; her foun-
dations are fallen, her walls are thrown down; because this
is the vengeance of Jehovah. Take ye vengeance upon
16 her; as she hath done, so do ye unto her. Cut off the
sower from Babylon, and him that handleth the sickle in
the time of harvest. For fear of the oppressing sword they
shall turn every one to his own people, and they shall flee
every one to his own land.

17 Israel is a sheep driven astray; the lions have driven
him away. First the king of Assyria had devoured him;
and last this Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath broken
18 his bones. Therefore thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God
of Israel; Behold, I will punish the king of Babylon and
19 his land, as I punished the king of Assyria. And I will
bring Israel again to his habitation, and he shall feed on
Carmel and Bashan, and his soul shall be satisfied in the
20 hill countries of Ephraim and Gilead. In those days, and
in that time, Jehovah hath said it, the iniquity of Israel
shall be sought for, and there shall be none; and the sins
of Judah, and they shall not be found; for I will pardon
them whom I reserve.

21 Go up against the land of the Rebels, even against it, and
against the inhabitants of Punishment. Waste and utterly
destroy the hindermost of them, Jehovah hath said it, and
22 do according to all that I have commanded thee. A sound
23 of battle is in the land, and of great destruction. How is
the hammer of the whole earth cut asunder and broken!
How is Babylon become a desolation among the nations!
24 I laid a snare for thee, and thou art taken, O Babylon, and
thou wast not aware. Thou art found, and caught, because
25 thou hast striven against Jehovah. Jehovah hath opened
his armoury, and hath brought forth the weapons of his
indignation; for this is the work of the Lord Jehovah of
26 hosts in the land of the Chaldeans. Come against her from
afar, open her storehouses; cast her up as heaps, and de-
27 stroy her utterly; let nothing of her be left. Slay all her
bullocks; let them go down to the slaughter. Woe unto
them! for their day is come, the time of their visitation.

28 There is the voice of them that flee and escape out of the
land of Babylon, declaring in Zion the vengeance of Jeho-

vah our God, the vengeance of his Temple. Shout against 29
Babylon, ye powerful ones; all ye that bend the bow, encamp
against it round about; let none thereof escape. Recom-
pense her according to her work; according to all that she
hath done, do unto her; for she hath been proud against
Jehovah, against the Holy One of Israel. Therefore shall 30
her young men fall in the broad places, and all her men of
war shall be cut off in that day, Jehovah hath said it.

Behold, I am against thee, O thou most proud, the Lord 31
Jehovah of hosts hath said it; for thy day is come, the
time when I will visit thee. And the most proud shall 32
stumble and fall, and none shall raise him up; and I will
kindle a fire in his cities, and it shall devour all round
about him.

Thus saith Jehovah of hosts; The children of Israel and 33
the children of Judah were oppressed together; and all
that carried them away captive held them fast; they refused
to let them go. Their Redeemer is strong; Jehovah of 34
hosts is his name. He will thoroughly plead their cause, so
that he may give quiet to the land, and disquiet to the in-
habitants of Babylon.

A sword is upon the Chaldeans, Jehovah hath said it, 35
and upon the inhabitants of Babylon, and upon her princes,
and upon her wise men. A sword is upon the deceivers; 36
and they shall become foolish; a sword is upon her warriors;
and they shall be dismayed. A sword is upon their horses, 37
and upon their chariots, and upon all the mingled people
[or Arabs] that are in the midst of her; and they shall
become as women. A sword is upon her treasures; and
they shall be robbed. A drought is upon her waters; and 38
they shall be dried up; for it is the land of graven images,
and they boast of their terrifying idols. Therefore the 39
wild beasts of the desert with the howling beasts shall
dwell there, and the ostriches shall dwell therein; and it
shall be no more inhabited for ever; neither shall it be
dwelt in from generation to generation. *As God overthrew* 40
Sodom and Gomorrah and their neighbours, Jehovah hath
said it; *so shall no man abide there, neither shall any son of*
Adam sojourn therein. Behold, a people shall come from 41
the north, and a great nation [the Medes], and many kings
shall be raised up from the recesses of the earth. They 42
shall hold the bow and the lance; they are cruel, and will

not shew mercy; their voice shall roar like the sea, and
they shall ride upon horses, every one put in array, like a
43 man for the battle, against thee, O daughter of Babylon. The
king of Babylon hath heard the report of them, and his
hands waxed feeble; anguish took hold of him, and pangs
44 as of a woman in travail. *Behold he* [Cyrus] *shall come up
like a lion from the pride* [or headsprings] *of the Jordan
against the abode of the strong. And I will suddenly make
them run away from thence. And who is a chosen man, that
I may appoint over her? For who is there like me? And
who will meet me in judgment? And who is that shepherd*
45 *that will stand before me? Therefore hear ye the counsel of
Jehovah, that he hath taken against* Babylon; *and his pur-
poses, that he hath purposed against* the land of the Chal-
deans. *Surely they shall tear them to pieces as the little
ones of the flock; surely he will make their sheepfolds deso-*
46 *late for them. At the noise of the taking* of Babylon *the earth
is moved, and the cry is heard* among the nations.

1 Thus saith Jehovah; Behold, I will raise up against
Babylon, and against them that dwell in the midst of them
2 that rise up against me, a destroying wind; and I will send
to Babylon winnowers that shall winnow her, and shall
empty her land; for in the day of trouble they shall be
3 against her round about. Against him that aimeth let the
archer aim with his bow, and against him that lifteth him-
self up in his coat of mail; and spare ye not her young men;
4 destroy ye utterly all her host. And the slain shall fall in
the land of the Chaldeans, and they that are thrust through
5 in her streets. For Israel hath not been forsaken, nor Judah
by his God, by Jehovah of hosts; though their land was
filled with guilt against the Holy One of Israel

6 Flee ye out of the midst of Babylon, and save ye every
man his life. Be not cut off in her iniquity; for this is
the time of Jehovah's vengeance; he will repay to her a
7 recompence. Babylon hath been a golden cup in the hand
of Jehovah, that made all the earth drunken with her wine.
The nations have drunk; therefore the nations are mad.
8 Babylon is suddenly fallen and destroyed. Howl for her;
take balm for her pain, if so be she may be healed.

9 We would have healed Babylon, but she is not healed.
Forsake her, and let us go every one into his own country;
for her judgment reacheth unto the heavens, and is lifted

up even to the skies. Jehovah hath brought forth our righteousness. Come, and let us declare in Zion the work of Jehovah our God. 10

Make bright the arrows; gather the shields. Jehovah hath raised up the spirit of the kings of the Medes. For his purpose is against Babylon, to destroy it; for this is the vengeance of Jehovah; the vengeance of his Temple. Set up the standard upon the walls of Babylon, make the guard strong, set up the guards, prepare the ambushes; for Jehovah hath both devised and hath done what he spake against the inhabitants of Babylon. 11 12

O thou that dwellest upon many waters, abundant in treasures, thine end is come, and the measure of thy covetousness. Jehovah of hosts hath sworn by himself, [saying,] 'Surely I will fill thee with men, as with locusts; and they 'shall utter a shout against thee.' 13 14

He made the earth by his power, he established the world by his wisdom, and stretched out the heavens by his understanding. When he uttereth his voice, there is a tumult of waters in the heavens; and he causeth the clouds to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings for the rain, and bringeth forth the wind from his treasures. Every man is brutish without knowledge; every metal-founder is put to shame by the graven image; for his molten image is falsehood, and there is no breath in them. They are vanity, the work of delusions; in the time when they are visited they shall perish. The Portion of Jacob is not like them. For He is the former of all things; and [Israel] is the rod of his inheritance; Jehovah of hosts is his name. 15 16 17 18 19

Thou art my battle axe, my weapon of war; for with thee I will break in pieces nations, and with thee will I destroy kingdoms; and with thee will I break in pieces the horse and his rider; and with thee will I break in pieces the chariot and its driver; and with thee will I break in pieces man and woman; and with thee will I break in pieces old and young; and with thee will I break in pieces the young man and the maiden; and with thee will I break in pieces the shepherd and his flock; and with thee will I break in pieces the plowman and his yoke of oxen; and with thee will I break in pieces Pashas [or governors] and rulers. And I will repay to Babylon and to all the inha- 20 21 22 23 24

bitants of Chaldea all their evil that they have done in Zion in your sight; Jehovah hath said it.

25 Behold, I am against thee, O destroying mountain, Jehovah hath said it, that destroyest all the earth. And I will stretch out my hand upon thee, and roll thee down from
26 the rocks, and will make thee a burning mountain. And they shall not take out of thee a stone for a corner, nor a stone for foundations; but thou shalt be desolate for ever; Jehovah hath said it.

27 Set ye up a standard in the land, blow the trumpet among the nations, consecrate the nations against her, call together against her the kingdoms of Ararat, Minni, and Ashkenaz [or Armenia]; appoint a captain against her; cause the
28 horses to come up as the rough locusts. Consecrate against her the nations with the kings of the Medes, his Pashas,
29 and all his rulers, and all the land of his dominion. And the land shall tremble and be in pain; because the purposes of Jehovah shall be performed against Babylon, to make the land of Babylon a desolation without an inha-
30 bitant. The warriors of Babylon have forborne to fight, they remained in their strongholds; their might hath failed; they became as women; her dwelling-places are
31 burned; her bars are broken. Runner shall run to meet runner, and messenger to meet messenger, to shew the king of Babylon that his city is taken from end to end,
32 and that the fords are seized, and the reed-beds they have burned with fire, and the men of war are affrighted.

33 For thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel; the daughter of Babylon is like a threshing-floor, it is time to trample on her. Yet a little while, and the time of her harvest shall come.

34 'Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon hath devoured me, 'he hath crushed me, he hath made me to be an empty 'vessel, he hath swallowed me up like a dragon, he hath 'filled his belly with my delicacies, he hath cast me out.'

35 'May my wrongs and my flesh be upon Babylon,' shall she that inhabiteth Zion say; and 'My blood upon the 'inhabitants of Chaldea,' shall Jerusalem say.

36 Therefore thus saith Jehovah; Behold, I will plead thy cause, and take vengeance for thee; and I will dry up her
37 sea, and make her springs dry. And Babylon shall become

a heap of ruins, a dwelling-place for jackals, an astonishment, and a hissing, without an inhabitant. They shall 38
roar together like lions; they shall yell as lions' whelps.
In their heat I will prepare their drinking feasts, and I 39
will make them drunken, so that they may rejoice, and
sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake; Jehovah hath said
it.

I will bring them down like lambs to the slaughter, like 40
rams with the leader-goats. How is Sheshach [or Babylon] 41
taken! and how is the praise of the whole earth seized!
how is Babylon become an astonishment among the nations!
The sea is come up upon Babylon; she is covered with the 42
tumult of its waves. Her cities are a desolation, a dry land, 43
and a barren plain, a land wherein no man dwelleth, neither
doth any son of Adam pass thereby. And I will punish 44
Bel in Babylon, and I will bring forth out of his mouth
what he hath swallowed. And the nations shall not flow
together any more unto him; yea, the wall of Babylon
shall fall.

My people, go ye out of the midst of her, and save ye 45
every man his life from the fierce anger of Jehovah. And 46
let not your heart faint, nor fear ye for the rumour that
shall be heard in the land. And a rumour shall come one
year, and after that in another year shall come a rumour,
and violence shall be in the land, ruler against ruler. There- 47
fore, behold, the days will come, when I will punish the
graven images of Babylon; and her whole land shall be con-
founded, and all her slain shall fall in the midst of her.
Then the heavens and the earth, and all that is therein, 48
shall sing for joy over Babylon; for the spoilers shall come
against her from the north; Jehovah hath said it. As 49
Babylon hath caused the slain of Israel to fall, so at Baby-
lon shall fall the slain of all the earth. Ye that have es- 50
caped the sword, go away, stand not still; remember Jeho-
vah when afar off, and let Jerusalem come into your mind.

We are confounded, because we have heard reproach; 51
shame hath covered our faces; for strangers are come into
the sanctuaries of Jehovah's House. Therefore, behold, 52
the days will come, Jehovah hath said it, that I will punish
her graven images; and through all her land the wounded
shall groan. Though Babylon should mount up to heaven, 53

and though she should fortify the height of her strength, yet from me shall spoilers come on her; Jehovah hath said it.

54 The sound of a cry cometh from Babylon, and great de-
55 struction from the land of the Chaldeans; because Jehovah hath spoiled Babylon, and destroyed out of her the great sound; when her waves did roar like great waters, the noise
56 of their voice was uttered; because the spoiler is come upon her, even upon Babylon, and her warriors are taken, their bows are broken; for Jehovah the God of recompences will
57 surely requite. And I will make drunk her princes, and her wise men, her Pashas, and her rulers, and her warriors; and they shall sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake; the King, whose name is Jehovah of hosts, hath said it.

58 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts; The broad walls of Babylon shall be levelled to the ground, and her high gates shall be burned with fire; and the people shall labour for no purpose, and the nations for the fire, and they shall weary themselves.

59 This is the word which Jeremiah the prophet commanded Seraiah the son of Neriah, the son of Maaseiah, when he went with Zedekiah the king of Judah to Babylon in the fourth year of his reign. And this Seraiah was chief cham-
60 berlain. So Jeremiah wrote in a book all the evil that should come upon Babylon, even all these words that are written against Babylon.

61 And Jeremiah said to Seraiah, 'When thou comest to
'Babylon, and shalt see, and shalt read all these words;
62 'then thou shalt say, O Jehovah, thou hast spoken against
'this place, to cut it off, that none shall remain in it, neither
63 'man nor beast, but that it shall be desolate for ever. And
'it shall be, when thou hast made an end of reading this
'book, that thou shalt bind a stone to it, and cast it into
64 'the midst of the Euphrates. And thou shalt say, Thus shall
'Babylon sink, and shall not rise because of the evil that I
'will bring upon her. And they shall be weary.' Thus far are the words of Jeremiah.

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1 ZEDEKIAH was one and twenty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah
2 of Libnah. And he did what was evil in the eyes of Jeho-

vah, according to all that Jehoiakim had done. For through 3
the anger of Jehovah it came to pass in Jerusalem and
Judah, till he had cast them out from his presence; and
Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the 4
tenth month, on the tenth day of the month, that Nebu-
chadrezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his army,
against Jerusalem, and encamped against it, and built forts
against it round about. So the city was besieged until the 5
eleventh year of king Zedekiah [B.C. 589]. And in the 6
fourth month, on the ninth day of the month, the famine
was sore in the city, so that there was no bread for the
people of the land. Then the city was broken up, and all 7
the men of war fled, and went forth out of the city by night
by the way of the gate between the two walls, which is by
the king's garden; (now the Chaldeans were by the city
round about;) and they went by the way of the Barren
Valley. But the army of the Chaldeans pursued after the 8
king, and overtook Zedekiah in the barren plains of Jericho;
and all his army was scattered from him. Then they took 9
the king, and carried him up to the king of Babylon to
Riblah in the land of Hamath. And he gave judgment
upon him. And the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zede- 10
kiah before his eyes; he slew also all the princes of Judah
in Riblah. Then he put out the eyes of Zedekiah; and 11
the king of Babylon bound him in copper fetters, and carried
him to Babylon, and put him in a house of custody till the
day of his death.

Now in the fifth month, on the tenth day of the month, 12
which was the nineteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar king of
Babylon [B.C. 589], came Nebuzar-adan, captain of the
guard, one who stood in the presence of the king of Baby-
lon, into Jerusalem. And he burned the House of Jehovah, 13
and the king's house; and all the houses of Jerusalem, and
all the houses of the great men, burned he with fire. And 14
all the army of the Chaldeans, that were with the captain
of the guard, brake down all the walls of Jerusalem round
about. Then Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard carried 15
away captive part of the poor of the people, and the residue
of the people that remained in the city, and those that
revolted, that revolted to the king of Babylon, and the rest
of the multitude. But Nebuzar-adan the captain of the 16

guard left part of the poor of the land for vinedressers and for husbandmen.

17 Also the pillars of copper that were in the House of Jehovah, and the basin-stands, and the copper water-cistern that was in the House of Jehovah, the Chaldeans brake,
18 and carried all the copper of them to Babylon. The pots also, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the sprinkling vessels, and the [incense] ladles, and all the vessels of copper,
19 wherewith they ministered, took they away. And of the basins, and the censers, and the sprinkling vessels, and the pots, and the lampstands, and the [incense] ladles, and the jars; the gold, of those which were of gold, and the silver, of those which were of silver, the captain of the guard took
20 away. Of the two pillars, one water-cistern, and twelve copper bulls that were under the basin-stands, which king Solomon had made in the House of Jehovah, the copper of
21 all these vessels was without weight. And of the pillars, the height of one pillar was eighteen cubits; and a line of twelve cubits did encompass it. And its thickness was
22 four fingers; it was hollow. And the capital upon it was of copper; and the height of one capital was five cubits, with trellis-work and pomegranates on the capitals round about, all of copper. The second pillar also and the pome-
23 granates were like to these. And there were ninety and six pomegranates on a side; and all the pomegranates on the trellis-work were a hundred round about.

24 And the captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief priest, and Zephaniah the second priest, and the three keepers of
25 the door. He took also out of the city a chamberlain, who had the charge of the men of war; and seven men of them that were near the king's person, who were found in the city; and the scribe, the captain of the host, who mustered the people of the land; and threescore men of the people of the
26 land, that were found in the midst of the city. So Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard took them, and brought them
27 to the king of Babylon to Riblah. And the king of Babylon smote them, and put them to death at Riblah in the land of Hamath. Thus Judah was carried away captive out of his own land.

28 THIS IS THE PEOPLE whom Nebuchadrezzar carried away captive; in the seventh year [B.C. 601] three thousand
29 Jews and three and twenty; in the eighteenth year of Nebu-

chadrezzar [B. C. 590] he carried away captive from Jerusalem eight hundred thirty and two souls; in the three and 30
twentieth year of Nebuchadrezzar [B. C. 585] Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard carried away captive of the Jews seven hundred forty and five souls. All the souls were four thousand and six hundred.

AND IT CAME TO PASS in the seven and thirtieth year of 31
the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month [B. C. 563], on the five and twentieth day of the month, that Evil-merodach king of Babylon in the first year of his reign lifted up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah, and brought him forth out of prison, and spake 32
kindly to him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings that were with him in Babylon, and changed his 33
prison garments. And he did continually eat bread in his presence all the days of his life. And for his diet, there 34
was a continual diet given him from the king of Babylon, every day a portion until the day of his death, all the days of his life.

THE LAMENTATIONS.

LAMENTATION I.

א HOW doth the city sit solitary, that was full of people! 1
she is become as a widow that was great among the nations; princess among the provinces, she is become tributary!

ב She weepeth sore in the night, and her tears are on her 2
cheeks; among all her lovers she hath none to comfort her; all her friends have betrayed her, they are become her enemies.

ג Judah is in captivity through affliction, and through 3
great servitude; she dwelleth among the Nations, she findeth no rest; all her pursuers overtook her between the narrow passes.

ד Zion's paths mourn, because none come to the solemn 4
feasts; all her gates are desolate, her priests sigh, her maidens are afflicted, and she is in bitterness.

ה Her adversaries are uppermost, her enemies prosper; 5
for Jehovah afflicteth her for the multitude of her transgressions; her children are gone into captivity before the enemy.

6 ו And from the daughter of Zion all beauty is departed; her princes are like harts that find no pasture, and they are gone without strength before the pursuer.

7 ז Jerusalem in the days of her affliction and of her miseries remembered all her pleasures that she had in the days of old; when her people fell into the hand of the enemy, and none helped her, the adversaries saw her, they mocked at her sabbaths.

8 ח Jerusalem hath grievously sinned; therefore she is removed; all that honoured her despised her, because they have seen her nakedness; yea, she sigheth, and turneth backward.

9 ט Her filthiness is in her skirts; she remembereth not her end; therefore she came down wonderfully; she had no comforter. O Jehovah, behold my affliction; for the enemy hath magnified himself.

10 י The adversary hath spread out his hand upon all her pleasant things; for she hath seen the Nations enter into her Sanctuary, whom thou didst command that they should not enter thine assembly.

11 כ All her people sigh, they seek bread; they have given their pleasant things for food to restore life; see, O Jehovah, and consider; for I am become vile.

12 ל Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by the way? Behold, and see if there be any sorrow like my sorrow, which is brought upon me, wherewith Jehovah hath afflicted me in the day of his fierce anger.

13 מ From above hath he sent fire into my bones, and it seizeth them; he hath spread a net for my feet, he hath turned me back; he hath made me desolate and faint all the day.

14 נ The yoke of my transgressions is fastened by his hand; they are twisted together, they are come upon my neck, he hath made my strength to fall; the Lord hath delivered me into their hands, I cannot rise up.

15 ס The Lord hath made light of all my mighty men in the midst of me; he hath called an assembly against me to crush my young men; the Lord hath trodden the virgin, the daughter of Judah, as a winepress.

16 ע For these things I weep; mine eye, mine eye runneth down with water, because the comforter that should re-

store my life is far from me; my children are desolate, because the enemy prevailed.

פ Zion spreadeth forth her hands, there is none to comfort her; Jehovah hath commanded the adversaries of Jacob to be around about him; Jerusalem is an impurity among them. 17

צ Jehovah is righteous; for I resisted his command; hear, I pray you, all people, and behold my sorrow; my maidens and my young men are gone into captivity. 18

ק I called for my lovers, but they deceived me; my priests and mine elders breathed their last in the city, while they sought their food to support their lives. 19

ר See, O Jehovah; for I am in distress; my bowels are troubled; my heart is turned within me; for I have grievously rebelled; abroad the sword bereaveth, at home there is as death. 20

ש They have heard that I sigh; there is none to comfort me; all mine enemies heard of my trouble; they rejoiced that thou didst it; O bring the day that thou hast proclaimed, that they may be like me. 21

ת Let all their wickedness come before thee; and do unto them, as thou hast done to me for all my transgressions; for my sighs are many, and my heart is faint. 22

II.

א How hath the Lord cast a cloud over the daughter of Zion in his anger. He hath thrown down from heaven to the earth the beauty of Israel, and remembered not his footstool in the day of his anger! 1

ב The Lord hath swallowed up without pity all the habitations of Jacob, he hath thrown down in his wrath the strongholds of the daughter of Judah; he hath brought to the ground, he hath polluted the kingdom and its princes. 2

ג He hath cut off in his fierce anger all the horn of Israel; he hath drawn back his right hand from before the enemy, and he burned up Jacob like a flaming fire, which devoureth around. 3

ד He bent his bow like an enemy; he placed his right hand as an adversary, and slew all that were pleasant to the eye; in the tent of the daughter of Zion, he poured out his wrath like fire. 4

5 ה The Lord was as an enemy; he hath swallowed up Israel; he hath swallowed up all her palaces, he hath destroyed its strongholds, and hath increased in the daughter of Judah mourning and sighing.

6 ו And he hath taken away its hedge, as of a garden; he hath destroyed its synagogues; Jehovah hath caused the solemn feasts and sabbaths to be forgotten in Zion, and hath despised in the indignation of his anger the king and the priest.

7 ז The Lord hath cast off his Altar, he abhorreth his Sanctuary, he hath given up into the hand of the enemy the walls of her palaces; they have made a noise in the House of Jehovah, as in the day of a solemn feast.

8 ח Jehovah purposed to destroy the wall of the daughter of Zion; he stretched out a line, he withdrew not his hand from destroying; therefore he made the rampart and the wall to lament; they languish together.

9 ט Her gates are sunk into the ground; he hath destroyed and broken her bars; her king and her princes are among the Nations; the Law is no more; her prophets also find no visions from Jehovah.

10 י The elders of the daughter of Zion sit upon the ground and keep silence; they have cast dust upon their heads; they have girded themselves with sackcloth; the maidens of Jerusalem hang down their heads to the ground.

11 כ Mine eyes do fail with tears, my bowels are troubled, my liver is poured upon the earth, because of the destruction of the daughter of my people; while the babes and the sucklings swoon in the broad places of the city.

12 ל They say to their mothers, 'Where is corn and wine?' while they swoon as the wounded in the broad places of the city, while their soul is poured out into their mother's bosom.

13 מ What shall I urge upon thee? what shall I liken to thee, O daughter of Jerusalem? what shall I equal to thee, that I may comfort thee, O virgin daughter of Zion? for thy breach is great like the sea; who can heal thee?

14 נ Thy prophets have seen false and foolish visions for thee; and they have not uncovered thine iniquity, to bring home thy captivity; but they have seen for thee false prophecies and causes of banishment.

15 ס All that pass by the way clap their hands at thee; they

hiss and wag their head at the daughter of Jerusalem, [saying,] 'Is this the city that men call The perfection of 'beauty, The joy of the whole earth?'

פ All thine enemies open their mouth against thee; they 16
hiss and gnash the teeth; they say, 'We have swallowed 'her up; certainly this is the day that we looked for; we 'have found, we have seen it.'

ע Jehovah hath done what he devised; he hath fulfilled 17
his word that he commanded in the days of old; he hath thrown down, and hath not pitied; and he hath caused the enemy to rejoice over thee, he hath set up the horn of thine adversaries.

צ Their heart cried to the Lord; O wall of the daughter 18
of Zion, let tears run down like a river day and night; give thyself no rest; let not the apple of thine eye cease.

ק Arise, cry out in the night, in the beginning of the 19
watches, pour out thy heart like water before the face of the Lord; lift up thy hands towards him for the life of thy babes, that faint for hunger at the top of every street.

ר Look, O Jehovah, and consider to whom thou hast 20
done this. Shall the women eat their fruit, babes that are carried in arms? shall the priest and the prophet be slain in the Sanctuary of the Lord?

ש The young and the old lie on the ground in the streets; 21
my maidens and my young men are fallen by the sword; thou hast slain them in the day of thine anger; thou hast killed, and hast not pitied.

ת Thou hast called as in a solemn day those that affright 22
me round about, so that in the day of Jehovah's anger none escaped nor remained; those that I have carried in arms and brought up hath mine enemy consumed.

III.

א I am the man that hath seen affliction by the rod of 1
His wrath;

א He hath led me, and brought me into darkness, but 2
not into light;

א Surely against me is he turned, he turneth his hand all 3
the day.

ב My flesh and my skin hath he made old; he hath broken 4
my bones;

ב He hath builded against me, and encompassed me with 5
hemlock and trouble;

6 ב He hath made me dwell in dark places, as they that died long ago.
7 ג He hath hedged me about, and I cannot get out; he hath made my chain heavy;
8 ג Also when I cry and shout, he shutteth out my prayer;
9 ג He hath hedged my ways about with hewn stone, he hath made my paths crooked.
10 ד He was unto me as a bear lying in wait, as a lion in secret places;
11 ד He hath turned aside my ways, and torn me in pieces; he hath made me desolate;
12 ד He hath bent his bow, and set me as a mark for the arrow.
13 ה He hath caused the arrows of his quiver to enter into my reins;
14 ה I have been a derision to all my people; their song all the day;
15 ה He hath filled me with bitterness, he bathed me with wormwood.
16 ו And he hath broken my teeth with gravel stones, he hath covered me with ashes;
17 ו And thou hast cast my soul far off from peace; I have forgotten prosperity;
18 ו And I said, 'My confidence and my hope is perished 'from Jehovah.'
19 ז Remember mine affliction and my misery, the wormwood and the hemlock;
20 ז Thou wilt well remember them, and my soul is humbled within me;
21 ז This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope.
22 ח It is the kindness of Jehovah that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not;
23 ח They are new every morning; great is Thy faithfulness;
24 ח Jehovah is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him.
25 ט Good is Jehovah unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him;
26 ט Good is it that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of Jehovah;
27 ט Good is it for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth;

ׂ That he sit alone and keep silence, because He hath laid it upon him; 28

ׂ That he put his mouth in the dust; if so be there may be hope; 29

ׂ That he give his cheek to him that smiteth him; that he be filled full with reproach; 30

ב For the Lord will not cast off for ever; 31

ב For though he cause grief, yet he hath mercy according to his great kindness; 32

ב For he doth not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men. 33

ל To crush under his feet all the prisoners of the earth; 34

ל To turn aside the right of a man before the face of the Most High; 35

ל To subvert a man in his cause, the Lord approveth not. 36

מ Who is he that saith, and it cometh to pass, when the Lord commanded it not? 37

מ Out of the mouth of the Most High proceedeth not both evil and good? 38

מ Wherefore doth a living man complain, a man at the punishment of his sins? 39

נ Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to Jehovah; 40

נ Let us lift up our heart with our hands unto God in the heavens; 41

נ We have transgressed and have rebelled; thou hast not pardoned. 42

ס Thou hast covered with anger, and hast pursued us; thou hast slain; thou hast not pitied; 43

ס Thou hast covered thyself with a cloud, that our prayer should not pass through; 44

ס Thou hast made us the offscouring and refuse in the midst of the people. 45

פ All our enemies have opened their mouths against us; 46

פ Fear and the pit are come upon us, desolation and destruction; 47

פ Mine eye runneth down with rivers of water for the destruction of the daughter of my people. 48

ע Mine eye trickleth down, and ceaseth not, without any intermission; 49

60 ע Till Jehovah look down, and behold from heaven,
51 ע Mine eye bringeth grief to my heart because of all the daughters of my city.
52 צ The enemies chase me sore, like a bird, without cause.
53 צ They have cut off my life in a pit, and cast a stone upon me.
54 צ The waters flowed over mine head; I said, 'I am cut 'off.'
55 ק I called upon thy name, O Jehovah, out of the deep pit.
56 ק Thou hast heard my voice; hide not thine ear at my breathing, at my cry.
57 ק Thou drewest near in the day that I called upon thee; thou saidst, 'Fear not.'
58 ר Thou hast pleaded, O Lord, the cause of my soul; thou hast redeemed my life;
59 ר Thou hast seen, O Jehovah, my wrong; judge thou my cause.
60 ר Thou hast seen all their vengeance and all their imaginations against me.
61 ש Thou hast heard their reproach, O Jehovah, and all their imaginations against me;
62 ש The lips of those that rose up against me, and their murmuring against me all the day.
63 ש Consider their sitting down, and their rising up; I am their music.
64 ת Render to them a recompence, O Jehovah, according to the work of their hands.
65 ת Give to them stubbornness of heart, as thy curse on them.
66 ת Pursue them in anger and destroy them from under the heavens, O Jehovah.

IV.

1 א How is the gold become dim! the most fine gold is changed, the stones of the Holy Place are poured out at the top of every street.
2 ב The precious sons of Zion, who may be weighed against fine gold, how are they esteemed as earthen pitchers, the work of the potter's hands!
3 ג Even the dragons draw out the breast, they give suck to their young; but the daughter of my people is become cruel, like the ostriches in the desert.

ד The tongue of the sucking child cleaveth to the roof 4
of his mouth for thirst; the babes ask for bread, and no
man breaketh it to them.

ה They that did feed on delicacies are desolate in the 5
streets; they that were brought up in scarlet embrace
dunghills.

ו For the iniquity of the daughter of my people is greater 6
than the sin of Sodom, that was overthrown as in a
moment, and no hands fell upon her.

ז Her Nazarites were purer than snow, they were whiter 7
than milk, they were more ruddy in body than rubies,
their polishing was of the sapphire;

ח Their visage is become blacker than darkness; they 8
are not known in the streets; their skin cleaveth to their
bones; it is withered, it is like a stick.

ט They that are slain with the sword are better than they 9
that are slain with hunger; for these pine away, stricken
for want of the fruits of the field.

י Hands of pitying women have boiled their own chil- 10
dren; they were their food at the destruction of the
daughter of my people.

כ Jehovah hath accomplished his fury; he hath poured 11
out his fierce anger, and hath kindled a fire in Zion, and
it hath devoured its foundations.

ל The kings of the earth, and all the inhabitants of the 12
world, would not have believed that the adversary and
the enemy could have entered the gates of Jerusalem.

מ It was through the sins of her prophets, and the ini- 13
quities of her priests, who have shed the blood of the
righteous ones in the midst of her.

נ These wandered as blind men in the streets, they were 14
polluted with blood, so that men could not touch their
garments.

ס Men cried to them, 'Depart ye; it is unclean; depart, 15
'depart, touch not;' when they fled away and wandered,
men said among the Nations, 'They shall no more sojourn
'there.'

פ The frown of Jehovah hath scattered them; he will no 16
more regard them; they respected not the persons of the
priests, they favoured not the elders.

ע As for us, our eyes as yet failed in our watching for our 17
help in vain; we watched for a nation that could not save us.

18 צ They hunt our steps, so that we cannot walk in our broad places; our end is near, our days are fulfilled; for our end is come.

19 ק Our pursuers were swifter than eagles in the heavens; they followed us on the mountains, they laid wait for us in the desert.

20 ר The breath of our nostrils, the anointed of Jehovah, was taken in their pit-falls, of whom we said, 'Under his 'shadow we shall live among the Nations.'

21 ש Rejoice and be glad, O daughter of Edom, that dwellest in the land of Uz; the cup also shall pass over unto thee; thou shalt be drunken, and shalt make thyself naked.

22 ת Thy punishment is accomplished, O daughter of Zion; he will no more carry thee away into captivity. He will visit thine iniquity, O daughter of Edom; he will uncover thy sins.

V.

1 Remember, O Jehovah, what is come upon us;
Consider, and behold our reproach.
2 Our inheritance is turned to strangers,
Our houses to foreigners.
3 We are orphans without a father,
Our mothers are as widows.
4 We have drunken our water for money;
Our wood is sold unto us for a price.
5 We are driven with a yoke upon our necks;
We are weary, and have no rest.
6 We have given the hand to the Egyptians,
And to the Assyrians, to be satisfied with bread.
7 Our fathers sinned, and they are not;
And we have borne their iniquities.
8 Servants have ruled over us;
There is none that doth deliver us out of their hand.
9 We got our bread with the peril of our lives
Because of the drought in the desert.
10 Our skin was burnt as in an oven
Because of the violence of the famine.
11 They ravished the women in Zion,
And the maidens in the cities of Judah.
12 Princes were hanged up by their hands;
The faces of the elders were not honoured.
13 The young men carry the mill-stones,

And the youths stagger under the wood.
The elders have ceased from the city gate, 14
The young men from their music.
The joy of our heart is ceased; 15
Our dancing is turned into mourning.
The crown is fallen from our head; 16
Woe unto us, that we have sinned!
Because of this our heart is faint; 17
Because of these things our eyes are dim;
Because of the mountain of Zion, 18
That it is desolate, that the foxes walk on it.
Thou, O Jehovah, remainest for ever; 19
Thy throne from generation to generation.
Wherefore dost thou wholly forget us, 20
And forsake us for so long a time?
Turn thou us unto thee, O Jehovah, 21
And we shall be turned; renew our days as of old.
But thou hast utterly rejected us, 22
Thou art very wroth against us.

THE BOOK OF EZEKIEL.

NOW IT CAME TO PASS in the thirtieth year [of Nabopul- 1
assar, B.C. 596] in the fourth month, on the fifth day
of the month, as I was among the captives by the river
Chebar [or Chaboras], that the heavens were opened, and
I saw visions of God. On the fifth day of the month, which 2
was in the fifth year of king Jehoiachin's captivity, it came 3
to pass that the word of Jehovah came unto Ezekiel the
priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the
river Chebar; and the hand of Jehovah was there upon
him.

And I looked, and, behold, a stormy wind came out of 4
the north, a great cloud, and a fire curling itself; and a
brightness was about it, and out of the midst thereof as the
colour of brass, out of the midst of the fire. Also out of 5
the midst thereof came the likeness of four living creatures.
And this was their appearance; they had the likeness of a
man. And every one of them had four faces, and every 6
one had four wings. And their feet were upright feet; the 7
sole of their feet was like the sole of a calf's foot; and they

8 sparkled like the colour of burnished copper. And they
had the hands of a man under their wings on their four
9 sides; and they four had their faces and their wings. Their
wings were joined one to another; they turned not them-
selves when they went; they went every one in the direc-
10 tion of its face. As for the likeness of their faces, they had
the face of a man; and they four had the face of a lion on
the right side; and they four had the face of an ox on the
11 left side; they four also had the face of an eagle. Thus
were their faces. And of their wings two of every one were
stretched upward, joined one to another; and two covered
12 their bodies. And they went every one in the direction
of its face. Whither the spirit was to go, they went; and
13 they turned not themselves when they went. As for the
likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like
burning coals of fire, and like the appearance of lamps. It
went up and down among the living creatures; and the
fire was bright, and out of the fire went forth lightning.
14 And the living creatures ran and returned as the appear-
ance of a flash of lightning.

15 Now as I beheld the living creatures, behold one wheel
upon the earth joined to the living creatures, for each of its
16 four faces. The appearance of the wheels and their work
was like unto the colour of a chrysolite. And they four
had one likeness; and their appearance and their work was
17 as it were a wheel in the middle of a wheel. When they
went, they went towards their four sides; they turned
18 themselves not when they went. As for the rings of their
wheels, they were so high that they were dreadful; and
19 their rings were full of eyes round about them four. And
when the living creatures went, the wheels went together
with them; and when the living creatures were lifted up
20 from the earth, the wheels were lifted up. Whithersoever
the spirit was to go, they went, thither was their spirit to
go; and the wheels were lifted up with them; for the
21 spirit of the living creature was in the wheels. When
those went, these went; and when those stood, these stood;
and when those were lifted up from the earth, the wheels
were lifted up with them; for the spirit of the living crea-
ture was in the wheels.

22 And the likeness of a firmament was upon the heads of

the living creatures as the colour of a brilliant crystal,
stretched forth upon their heads above. And under the 23
firmament were their wings straight, the one toward the
other; every one had two, which covered on this side, and
every one had two, which covered on that side, their bodies.
And when they went, I heard the noise of their wings, like 24
the noise of great waters, as the voice of the Almighty, the
voice of speech, as the noise of a camp; when they stood,
they let down their wings. And there was a voice above 25
the firmament that was upon their heads, when they stood,
and had let down their wings.

And above the firmament that was upon their heads was 26
the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire
stone. And upon the likeness of the throne was the like-
ness as the appearance of a man above upon it. And I 27
saw as the colour of brass, as the appearance of fire round
about within it, from the appearance of his loins even
upward, and from the appearance of his loins even down-
ward, I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and it had
brightness round about. As the appearance of the bow 28
that is in the cloud in a day of rain, so was the appear-
ance of the brightness round about. This was the appear-
ance of the likeness of the Glory of Jehovah. And when
I saw it, I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one
that spake.

And he said to me, 'Son of Adam, stand upon thy feet, 1
'and I will speak to thee.' And the spirit entered into me 2
when he spake to me, and set me on my feet, so that I
heard him that spake to me. And he said to me, 'Son of 3
'Adam, I send thee to the children of Israel, to a rebellious
'nation that hath rebelled against me. They and their
'fathers have transgressed against me, even unto this very
'day. For they are children hard of face and stiff of heart. 4
'I send thee to them; and thou shalt say to them, Thus
'saith the Lord Jehovah. And they, whether they hear, 5
'or whether they forbear, (for they are a rebellious house,)
'yet shall they know that there hath been a prophet among
'them. And thou, son of Adam, be not afraid of them, 6
'neither be afraid of their words, though briers and thorns
'be with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions. Be
'not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks,

7 'though they be a rebellious house. And thou shalt speak
'my words to them, whether they hear, or whether they for-
8 'bear; for they are rebellious. But thou, son of Adam,
'hear what I say to thee; Be not thou rebellious like that
'rebellious house; open thy mouth, and eat what I give
9 'thee.' And when I looked, behold, a hand was sent to
10 me; and, lo, the roll of a book was therein; and he spread
it open before me. And it was written on the front and on
the back; and there was written therein lamentations, and
mourning, and woe.

1 And he said to me, 'Son of Adam, eat what thou findest;
'eat this book-roll, and go speak unto the house of Israel.'
2 So I opened my mouth, and he caused me to eat that book-
3 roll. And he said to me, 'Son of Adam, cause thy belly
'to eat, and fill thy bowels with this book-roll that I give
'thee.' Then did I eat it; and it was in my mouth as
honey for sweetness.

4 And he said to me, 'Son of Adam, go, get thee to the
5 'house of Israel, and speak with my words to them. For
'thou art not sent to a people thick of lips and slow of
6 'tongue, but to the house of Israel; not to many peoples
'thick of lips and slow of tongue, whose words thou canst
'not understand. If I had sent thee to them, would they
7 'not have hearkened to thee? But the house of Israel
'will not hearken to thee; for they will not hearken to me;
'for all the house of Israel are bold of forehead and hard
8 'of heart. Behold, I have made thy face strong against
'their faces, and thy forehead strong against their fore-
9 'heads. As an adamant harder than flint have I made thy
'forehead. Fear them not, neither be dismayed at their
'looks, though they be a rebellious house.'

10 And he said unto me, 'Son of Adam, all my words that
'I shall speak to thee receive in thy heart, and hear with
11 'thine ears. And go, get thee to them of the captivity, to
'the children of thy people, and speak to them, and tell
'them, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; whether they will
12 'hear, or whether they will forbear.' Then the spirit took
me up, and I heard behind me the voice of a great rushing,
[saying,] 'Blessed be the glory of Jehovah from his place.'
13 I heard also the noise of the wings of the living creatures
that touched one another, and the noise of the wheels over

against them, and the noise of a great rushing. So the 14
spirit lifted me up, and took me away, and I went in bitterness, in the wrath of my spirit; and the hand of Jehovah was strong upon me.

THEN I CAME to them of the captivity at Tel-abib, that 15
dwelt by the river Chebar, and where they sat, there I also sat, astonished among them for seven days. And it came 16
to pass at the end of seven days, that the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 'Son of Adam, I have made thee a 17
'watchman to the house of Israel; therefore hear the word
'at my mouth, and give them warning from me. When I 18
'say to the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest
'him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from
'his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man
'shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at
'thy hand. Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn 19
'not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he
'shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast saved thy soul.
'Again, When a righteous man doth turn from his right- 20
'eousness, and commit injustice, and I lay a stumbling-
'block before him, he shall die; because thou didst not
'give him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his right-
'eousness which he had done shall not be remembered;
'but his blood will I require at thy hand. Nevertheless 21
'if thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin
'not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he
'is warned; also thou hast saved thy soul.'

And the hand of Jehovah was upon me there; and he 22
said to me, 'Arise, go forth into the valley, and I will there
'talk with thee.' Then I arose, and went forth into the 23
valley; and, behold, the Glory of Jehovah stood there, as the Glory which I saw by the river Chebar. And I fell on my face. Then the spirit entered into me, and set me 24
on my feet, and spake with me, and said to me, 'Go, shut
'thyself within thy house. But thou, O son of Adam, be- 25
'hold, they shall put chains upon thee, and shall bind thee
'therewith, and thou shalt not go out among them. And 26
'I will make thy tongue to cleave to the roof of thy mouth,
'and thou shalt be dumb, and shalt not be to them a re-
'prover; for they are a rebellious house. But when I speak 27
'with thee, I will open thy mouth, and thou shalt say to

'them, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; He that heareth, let
'him hear; and he that forbeareth, let him forbear; for
'they are a rebellious house.

1 'Thou also, son of Adam, take to thee a white tile, and
'lay it before thee, and engrave upon it the city, even Jeru-
2 'salem. And lay siege against it, and build a fort against
'it, and cast a siege-mound against it; set a camp also
'against it, and set battering-rams against it round about.
3 'And take thou to thee an iron pan, and set it for a wall
'of iron between thee and the city; and set thy face against
'it, and it shall be besieged, and thou shalt lay siege against
4 'it. This shall be a sign to the house of Israel. Lie thou
'also on thy left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of
'Israel upon it; according to the number of the days that
5 'thou shalt lie on it thou shalt bear their iniquity. For I
'have laid upon thee the years of their iniquity, according
'to the number of the days, three hundred and ninety days;
6 'so shalt thou bear the iniquity of the house of Israel. And
'when thou hast accomplished them, lie again on thy right
'side, and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of
'Judah for forty days. I have appointed to thee one day
7 'for each year. Then thou shalt set thy face toward the
'siege of Jerusalem, and thine arm shall be uncovered, and
8 'thou shalt prophesy against it. And, behold, I will put
'chains upon thee, and thou shalt not turn thee from one
'side to another, till thou hast ended the days of thy siege.

9 'Take thou also to thee wheat, and barley, and beans,
'and lentiles, and millet, and spelt, and put them into one
'vessel, and make to thee bread thereof, according to the
'number of the days that thou shalt lie upon thy side, three
10 'hundred and ninety days shalt thou eat thereof. And
'thy food which thou shalt eat shall be by weight, twenty
'Shekels [or ten ounces] a day; from time to time shalt
11 'thou eat it. Thou shalt drink also water by measure, the
'sixth part of a Hin [or one pint]; from time to time shalt
12 'thou drink. And thou shalt eat it as barley cakes, and
'thou shalt bake it with dung that cometh out of man, in
'their sight.'

13 And Jehovah said, 'Even thus shall the children of Israel
'eat their defiled bread among the nations, whither I shall
14 'drive them.' Then said I, 'Ah Lord Jehovah! behold,
'my soul hath not been polluted. For from my youth up

'even till now have I not eaten of that which dieth of
'itself, or is torn in pieces; neither came there putrid flesh
'into my mouth.' Then he said to me, 'Lo, for thyself I 15
'have given cow's dung instead of man's dung, and thou
'shalt prepare thy bread therewith.' And he said to me, 16
'Son of Adam, behold, I will break the staff of bread in
'Jerusalem; and they shall eat bread by weight, and with
'care; and they shall drink water by measure, and in de-
'spair; so that they may want bread and water, and be in 17
'despair one with another, and pine away for their iniquity.

'And thou, son of Adam, take to thee a sharp knife, a 1
'barber's razor shalt thou take to thee, and cause it to pass
'upon thy head and upon thy beard. Then take to thee
'balances to weigh, and divide the [hair]. Thou shalt burn 2
'in the flame a third part in the midst of the city, when
'the days of the siege are fulfilled; and thou shalt take a
'third part, and smite round about it with a knife; and a
'third part thou shalt scatter in the wind; and I will draw
'out a sword after them. Thou shalt also take thereof a 3
'few in number, and bind them in thy skirts. Then take 4
'some of them again, and cast them into the midst of the
'fire, and burn them in the fire; for thereof shall a fire
'come forth unto all the house of Israel.'

Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; This is Jerusalem. I 5
have set it in the midst of the nations, and the countries
are round about her. And she hath changed my judg- 6
ments into wickedness more than the nations, and my
statutes more than the countries that are round about her;
for they have refused my judgments and my statutes, they
have not walked in them. Therefore thus saith the Lord 7
Jehovah; Because ye railed against me more than the na-
tions that are round about you, and have not walked in
my statutes, neither have kept my judgments, neither have
done according to the judgments of the nations that are
round about you; therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah; 8
Behold, I, even I, am against thee, and will execute judg-
ments in the midst of thee in the sight of the nations.
And I will do in thee what I have not done, and where- 9
unto I will not do any more the like, because of all thine
abominations. Therefore the fathers shall eat their sons 10
in the midst of thee, and the sons shall eat their fathers;
and I will execute judgments on thee, and the whole rem-

11 nant of thee will I scatter to all the winds. Therefore, as
I live, the Lord Jehovah hath said it, Surely, because thou
hast defiled my Sanctuary with all thy detestable things,
and with all thine abominations, therefore will I also
diminish thee; neither shall mine eye pity, neither will I
12 spare. A third part of thee shall die by pestilence, and by
famine shall they be consumed in the midst of thee; and
a third part shall fall by the sword round about thee; and
I will scatter a third part to all the winds, and I will draw
13 out a sword after them. And when mine anger is accom-
plished, and I have caused my wrath against them to rest,
and I have been comforted; then they shall know that I
Jehovah have spoken it in my zeal, when I have accom-
14 plished my wrath against them. Moreover, I will make
thee a waste, and a reproach among the nations that are
15 round about thee, in the sight of all that pass by. So it
shall be a reproach and a taunt, an instruction and an
astonishment to the nations that are round about thee, when
I have executed judgments on thee in anger and in wrath
16 and in furious rebukes. I Jehovah have spoken it. When
I shall send upon them the evil arrows of famine, which
shall be for their destruction, and which I will send to
destroy you; then I will increase the famine upon you.
17 And I will break your staff of bread, and will send upon
you famine and evil beasts; and they shall bereave thee;
and pestilence and blood shall pass through thee; and I
will bring the sword upon thee. I Jehovah have spoken
it.

1 And the word of Jehovah came to me, saying, Son of
2 Adam, set thy face toward the MOUNTAINS OF ISRAEL, and
3 prophesy against them, and say, Ye mountains of Israel,
hear the word of the Lord Jehovah; Thus saith the Lord
Jehovah to the mountains, and to the hills, to the streams,
and to the valleys; Behold, I, even I, will bring a sword
upon you, and I will destroy your High Places [or Altars].
4 And your altars shall be desolate, and your sun-images shall
be broken; and I will cast down your slain men before
5 your filthy idols. And I will lay the carcases of the chil-
dren of Israel before their filthy idols; and I will scatter
6 your bones round about your altars. In all your dwelling-
places the cities shall be laid waste, and the High Places
shall be desolate; so that your altars may be laid waste

and made desolate, and your filthy idols may be broken and may cease, and your sun-images may be cut down, and your works may be abolished. And the slain shall fall in 7
the midst of you, and ye shall know that I am Jehovah.
Yet will I leave a remnant, when ye shall have some that 8
escape the sword among the nations, when ye shall be scattered through the countries. And they that escape of you 9
shall remember me among the nations whither they shall be carried captives, because I will break their straying heart, which hath departed from me, and their eyes, which go astray after their filthy idols. And they shall loathe themselves for the evils which have they committed in all their abominations. And they shall know that I am Jeho- 10
vah, and that I have not said in vain that I would do this evil to them.

Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; Smite with thy hand, and 11
stamp with thy foot, and say, Alas for all the evil abominations of the house of Israel, for they shall fall by the sword, by famine, and by pestilence! He that is far off 12
shall die by pestilence; and he that is near shall fall by the sword; and he that remaineth and is besieged shall die by famine; and thus will I accomplish my wrath upon them.
Then shall ye know that I am Jehovah, when their slain 13
men shall be among their filthy idols round about their altars, upon every high hill, on all the tops of the mountains, and under every green tree, and under every thick oak, the places where they did offer sweet savour to all their filthy idols. So will I stretch out my hand upon 14
them, and I will make the land desolate, yea, desolate from the [southern] desert unto Diblah, [or Riblah,] in all their habitations; and they shall know that I am Jehovah.

And the word of Jehovah came to me, saying, Also, thou 1
son of Adam, thus saith the Lord Jehovah to the land of 2
Israel; The end, the end is come upon the four corners of the land. Now is the end come upon thee, and I will 3
send mine anger upon thee, and will judge thee according to thy ways, and will recompense upon thee all thine abominations. And mine eye shall not pity thee, neither will I 4
spare; but I will recompense thy ways upon thee, and thine abominations shall be in the midst of thee; and ye shall know that I am Jehovah.

Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; An evil, an only evil, 5

behold, is come. The end is come, the end is come; it
waketh up for thee; behold, it is come. The circle of events
is come round to thee, O thou that dwellest in the land.
The time is come, the day of trouble is near, and not the
shout of joy on the mountains. Now will I shortly pour
out my wrath upon thee, and accomplish mine anger upon
thee. And I will judge thee according to thy ways, and
will recompense thee for all thine abominations. And mine
eye shall not pity, neither will I spare. I will recompense
thee according to thy ways, and thine abominations shall
be in the midst of thee; and ye shall know that I am Jeho-
vah that smiteth.

Behold, the day, behold, it is come. The circle of events
is gone forth; the rod hath blossomed, pride hath budded.
Violence is risen up into a rod of wickedness; none of them
shall remain, and none of their rabble, nor of any of their
tumult. Neither shall there be wailing for them. The
time is come, the day draweth near. Let not the buyer
rejoice, nor the seller mourn; for wrath is upon all its
rabble. For the seller shall not return to that which is
sold, although they were both yet alive (for the vision is
touching all its rabble); he shall not return; neither shall
any one strengthen himself in the iniquity of his life.

They have blown the trumpet, even to make all ready;
but none goeth to the battle; for my wrath is upon all its
rabble. The sword is without, and pestilence and famine
within. He that is in the field shall die by the sword;
and he that is in the city, famine and pestilence shall de-
vour him. And they that escape of them shall escape, and
shall be on the mountains like doves of the valleys, all of
them moaning, every one for his iniquity. All hands shall
be feeble, and all knees shall be weak as water. They shall
also gird themselves with sackcloth, and horror shall cover
them; and shame shall be on all faces, and baldness on all
their heads. They shall cast their silver into the streets,
and their gold shall be as impurity. Their silver and their
gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of the
wrath of Jehovah. They shall not satisfy their souls, nei-
ther fill their bowels; because it is the stumbling-block of
their iniquity. As for the beauty of his ornament, they
turned it into pride; and they made the images of their
abominations and of their detestable things therewith.

Therefore have I made it impurity unto them. And I will 21
give it into the hands of the strangers for a prey, and to
the wicked of the earth for a spoil; and they shall pollute
it. My face will I turn also from them, and they shall 22
pollute my secret place; for robbers shall enter into it, and
pollute it.

Make the chain; for the land is full of bloody crimes, 23
and the city is full of violence. Therefore I will bring in 24
the worst of the Nations, and they shall possess their houses.
I will also make the pride of the strong to cease; and their
holy places shall be defiled. Destruction cometh; and they 25
shall seek for peace, and there shall be none. Woe shall 26
come upon woe, and rumour shall be upon rumour; then
shall they seek for a vision from the prophet. But the
Law shall perish from the priest, and counsel from the
elders. The king shall mourn, and the prince shall be 27
clothed with desolation, and the hands of the people of the
land shall tremble. I will do to them after their own way,
and according to their own judgments will I judge them;
and they shall know that I am Jehovah.

AND IT CAME TO PASS in the sixth year [of the Captivity, 1
B.C. 595], in the sixth month, on the fifth day of the
month, as I sat in my house, and the elders of Judah sat
before me, that the hand of the Lord Jehovah fell upon
me there. Then I beheld, and lo, a likeness as the appear- 2
ance of fire; from the appearance of his loins and down-
ward, fire; and from his loins and upward, as the appear-
ance of brightness, as the colour of brass. And he put 3
forth the form of a hand, and took me by a lock of my
head; and the spirit lifted me up between the earth and
the heavens, and brought me in the visions of God to
Jerusalem, to the doorway of the Inner Gate that looketh
toward the north; where was the seat of the Image of Jea-
lousy, which provoketh to jealousy. And, behold, the Glory 4
of the God of Israel was there, according to the appearance
that I saw in the valley. Then said he to me, 'Son of 5
'Adam, lift up thine eyes now the way toward the north.'
So I lifted up mine eyes the way toward the north, and
behold northward at the gate of [the court of] the Altar
was this Image of Jealousy in the entrance. He said fur- 6
thermore to me, 'Son of Adam, seest thou what they do?
'even the great abominations that the house of Israel com-

'mitteth here, to drive me far off from my Sanctuary?
'But turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abomin-
'ations.'

7 And he brought me to the doorway of the Court; and
8 when I looked, behold a hole in the wall. Then said he to
me, 'Son of Adam, dig now into the wall.' And when I
9 had digged into the wall, behold a doorway. And he said to
me, 'Go in, and look at the wicked abominations that
10 'they do here.' So I went in and saw; and behold every
form of creeping things, and abominable beasts, and all
the filthy idols of the house of Israel, engraved upon the
11 wall round about. And there stood before them seventy
men of the elders of the house of Israel, and in the midst
of them stood Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan, with every
man his censer in his hand; and a thick cloud of incense
12 went up. Then said he to me, 'Son of Adam, hast thou
'seen what the elders of the house of Israel do in the dark,
'every man in the chambers of his idols? For they say,
'Jehovah seeth us not; Jehovah hath forsaken the earth.'
13 He said also to me, 'Turn thee yet again, and thou shalt
'see greater abominations that they do.'

14 Then he brought me to the doorway of the gate of the
House of Jehovah which was toward the north; and, be-
hold, there sat women weeping for Tammuz [or Adonis].
15 And said he to me, 'Hast thou seen this, O son of Adam?
'Turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abomina-
'tions than these.'

16 Then he brought me into the Inner Court of the House
of Jehovah, and, behold, at the doorway of the Great Hall
of Jehovah, between the porch and the Altar, were about
five and twenty men, with their backs toward the Great
Hall of Jehovah, and their faces toward the east; and they
17 worshipped the sun toward the east. And he said to me,
'Hast thou seen this, O son of Adam? Is it a light thing
'to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations
'which they commit here? For they have filled the land
'with violence, and have returned to provoke me to anger;
18 'and, lo, they put the branch to their nose. Therefore will
'I also deal in wrath. Mine eye shall not have pity,
'neither will I spare. And though they cry in mine ears
'with a loud voice, yet will I not hear them.'

1 He cried also in mine ears with a loud voice, saying,

'Cause them that have charge over the city to draw near,
'even every man with his destroying weapon in his hand.'
And, behold, six men came from the way of the Upper Gate, 2
which faceth the north, and every man a drawn weapon in
his hand; and one man among them was clothed with linen,
with a writer's inkhorn at his waist; and they went in, and
stood beside the copper altar. And the glory of the God 3
of Israel was gone up from off the cherub, whereupon it
was, to the threshold of the House. And he called to the
man clothed with linen, who had the writer's inkhorn at
his waist; and Jehovah said to him, 'Go through the midst 4
'of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set the
'mark of a T upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and
'that groan for all the abominations that are done in the
'midst thereof.'

And to the others he said in my hearing, 'Go ye after 5
'him through the city, and smite. Let not your eye have
'pity, neither spare ye. Slay utterly old and young, both 6
'maidens, and little children, and women; but come not
'near any man upon whom is the mark of a T. And begin
'at my Sanctuary.' Then they began with the elders who
were before the House. And he said to them, 'Defile the 7
'House, and fill the courts with the slain. Go ye forth.'
And they went forth, and smote in the city.

And it came to pass, while they were smiting them, and 8
I was left, that I fell on my face, and cried, and said, 'Ah
'Lord Jehovah! wilt thou destroy all the residue of Israel
'in thy pouring out of thy wrath upon Jerusalem?' And 9
said he to me, 'The iniquity of the house of Israel and
'Judah is exceeding great, and the land is full of bloodshed,
'and the city full of wresting of judgment. For they say,
'Jehovah hath forsaken the earth, and Jehovah seeth not.
'And as for me also, mine eye shall not have pity, neither 10
'will I spare; I will recompense their way upon their head.'
And, behold, the man clothed with linen, who had the 11
inkhorn at his waist, brought back word, saying, 'I have
'done as thou hast commanded me.'

Then I looked, and, behold, on the firmament that was 1
upon the heads of the cherubs there appeared over them as
it were a sapphire stone, as the appearance of the likeness
of a throne. And He spake to the man clothed with linen, 2
and said, 'Go in between the wheelwork, under the

'cherub, and fill thy hands with coals of fire from between
'the cherubs, and scatter them over the city.' And he
3 went in in my sight. Now the cherubs stood on the right
side of the House, when the man went in; and the cloud
4 filled the Inner Court. Then the Glory of Jehovah went
up from off the cherub, over the threshold of the House;
and the House was filled with the cloud, and the court was
5 full of the brightness of the Glory of Jehovah. And the
sound of the cherubs' wings was heard even to the Outer
Court, as the voice of God Almighty when he speaketh.
6 And it came to pass, that when he had commanded the
man clothed with linen, saying, 'Take fire from between
'the wheelwork, from between the cherubs;' then he went
7 in, and stood beside the wheels. And the cherub stretched
forth his hand from between the cherubs unto the fire that
was between the cherubs, and took thereof, and put it into
the hands of him that was clothed with linen; who took
8 it, and went out. And there appeared on the cherubs the
form of a man's hand under their wings.

9 And when I looked, behold the four wheels by the
cherubs, one wheel by one cherub, and another wheel by
another cherub; and the appearance of the wheels was as
10 the colour of a chrysolite stone. And as for their appear-
11 ances, they four had one likeness, as if a wheel had been
in the midst of a wheel. When they went, they went
toward their four sides. They turned not as they went.
But to the place whither the head looked they followed it;
12 they turned not as they went. And their whole body,
and their backs, and their hands, and their wings, and the
wheels, were full of eyes round about, even the wheels that
13 they four had. As for the wheels, they were called in my
14 hearing, Wheelwork. And every one had four faces. The
first face was the face of a cherub, and the second face was
the face of a man, and the third the face of a lion, and the
15 fourth the face of an eagle. And the cherubs were lifted
up. This is the living creature that I saw by the river
Chebar.

16 And when the cherubs went, the wheels went fixed to
them. And when the cherubs lifted up their wings to
mount up from the earth, the same wheels also turned not
17 from beside them. When they stood, these stood; and
when they were lifted up, these lifted up themselves also;

for the spirit of the living creature was in them. Then the 18
Glory of Jehovah departed from off the threshold of the
House, and stood over the cherubs. And the cherubs 19
lifted up their wings, and mounted up from the earth in
my sight. When they went out, the wheels also were
beside them, and every one stood at the doorway of the
front gate of the House of Jehovah; and the Glory of the
God of Israel was over them above. This is the living 20
creature that I had seen under the God of Israel by the
river Chebar; and I knew that they were cherubs. Every 21
one had four faces apiece, and every one four wings; and
the likeness of the hands of a man was under their wings.
And the likeness of their faces was the same faces which I 22
saw by the river Chebar, their appearances and themselves.
They went every one in the direction of its face.

MOREOVER THE SPIRIT lifted me up, and brought me unto 1
the front gate of the House of Jehovah, which looketh
eastward. And behold at the doorway of the gate five and
twenty men; among whom I saw Jaazaniah the son of
Azur, and Pelatiah the son of Benaiah, princes of the people.
Then said He to me, 'Son of Adam, these are the men that 2
'devise mischief, and give wicked counsel in this city; who 3
'say, It is not near; let us build houses; this [city] is the
'caldron, and we are the flesh. Therefore prophesy against 4
'them, prophesy, O son of Adam.'

And the Spirit of Jehovah fell upon me, and said to me, 5
Say; Thus saith Jehovah; Thus have ye said, O house of
Israel; for I know the things that arise in your mind, every
one of them. Ye have multiplied your slain in this city, 6
and ye have filled its streets with the slain. Therefore 7
thus saith the Lord Jehovah; Your slain whom ye have
laid in the midst of it, they are the flesh, and this [city] is
the caldron. But I will bring you forth out of the midst
of it. Ye have feared the sword; and I will bring a sword 8
upon you; the Lord Jehovah hath said it. And I will 9
bring you out of the midst thereof, and deliver you into the
hands of strangers, and I will execute judgments among
you. Ye shall fall by the sword. I will judge you at the 10
boundary of Israel; and ye shall know that I am Jehovah.
This [city] shall not be your caldron, neither shall ye be 11
the flesh in the midst of it; but I will judge you at the
boundary of Israel. And ye shall know that I am Jeho- 12

vah. For ye have not walked in my statutes, neither executed my judgments, but have done after the manners of the nations that are round about you.

13 And it came to pass, when I prophesied, that Pelatiah the son of Benaiah died. Then fell I down upon my face, and cried with a loud voice, and said, 'Ah Lord Jehovah! 'wilt thou make a full end of the remnant of Israel?'

14 Again the word of Jehovah came to me, saying, Son of
15 Adam, thy brethren, even thy brethren, the men of thy kindred, and all the house of Israel the whole of it, are those unto whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, 'Get you far from Jehovah [or Jerusalem]; unto us is this
16 'land given for a possession.' Therefore say, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; although I have cast them far off among the Nations, and although I have scattered them among the countries, yet will I be to them as a Sanctuary for a
17 short time in the countries where they shall come. Therefore say, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah, When I gather you in from the peoples, and assemble you out of the countries where ye have been scattered, then I will give to you the
18 land of Israel; and they shall come thither, and they shall put away all its detestable things, and all its abominations
19 from thence; and I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will put the stony heart
20 out of their flesh, and will give them a heart of flesh; so that they may walk in my statutes, and keep my ordinances, and do them. And they shall be my people, and I will be
21 their God. But as for those whose heart walketh after the heart of their detestable things and their abominations, I will recompense their way upon their own heads; the Lord Jehovah hath said it.

22 Then did the cherubs lift up their wings, and the wheels beside them; and the Glory of the God of Israel was over
23 them above. And the Glory of Jehovah went up from the midst of the city, and stood upon the mountain which is on the east side of the city.

24 Afterwards the spirit took me up, and brought me in a vision by the spirit of God into Chaldea, to them of the captivity. Then the vision that I had seen went up from
25 me. And I spake to them of the captivity of all the things of Jehovah that he had shewed me.

1 AND THE WORD OF JEHOVAH came to me, saying, Son of

Adam, thou dwellest in the midst of a rebellious house; 2
they have eyes to see, and see not; they have ears to hear,
and hear not; for they are a rebellious house. Therefore, 3
thou son of Adam, prepare for thee baggage for REMOVING
INTO CAPTIVITY, and remove by day before their eyes; and
thou shalt remove from thy place to another place before
their eyes. It may be they will see, though they are a
rebellious house. And thou shalt bring forth thy baggage 4
by day before their eyes, as baggage for removing. And
thou shalt go forth at evening before their eyes, as they
that go forth into captivity. Dig thou through the wall 5
before their eyes, and carry out thereby. Before their 6
eyes shalt thou bear it upon thy shoulders, and carry it
forth in the dark. Thou shalt cover thy face, that thou
see not the ground; for I have set thee for a sign unto the
house of Israel.

And I did as I was commanded. I brought forth my 7
baggage by day, as baggage for captivity, and in the even-
ing I digged through the wall with my hand; I brought it
forth in the dark, and I bare it upon my shoulder before
their eyes.

And in the morning came the word of Jehovah to me, 8
saying, Son of Adam, hath not the house of Israel, the re- 9
bellious house, said to thee, 'What doest thou?' Say thou 10
to them, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; This burden [or
prophecy] concerneth the prince [Zedekiah] in Jerusalem,
and all the house of Israel that are among them. Say thou, 11
I am your sign. Like as I have done, so shall it be done
to them. They shall remove and go into captivity. And 12
the prince that is among them shall bear upon his shoulder
in the dark, and shall go forth. They shall dig through
the wall to carry out thereby. He shall cover his face, that
he see not the ground with his eyes. My net also will I 13
spread upon him, and he shall be taken in my snare. And
I will bring him to Babylon to the land of the Chaldeans;
yet shall he not see it, though he shall die there. And I 14
will scatter toward every wind all that are about him to
help him, and all his armies; and I will draw out the
sword after them. And they shall know that I am Jeho- 15
vah, when I shall scatter them among the Nations, and
disperse them in the countries. But I will leave a few 16
men of them from the sword, from famine, and from pesti-

lence; so that they may relate all their abominations among the nations whither they come; and they shall know that I am Jehovah.

17 AND THE WORD OF JEHOVAH came to me, saying, Son of
18 Adam, eat thy bread with quaking, and drink thy water
19 with trembling and with carefulness; and say to the people of the land, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah against the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and against the land of Israel; They shall eat their bread with carefulness, and drink their water in despair, because her land is desolate from its fulness,
20 because of the violence of all them that dwell therein. And the cities that are inhabited shall be laid waste, and the land shall be desolate; and ye shall know that I am Jehovah.

21 AND THE WORD OF JEHOVAH came to me, saying, Son of
22 Adam, what is that proverb that ye have in the land of Israel,
23 saying, 'The days are delayed, and every vision faileth'? Tell them therefore, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; I will make this proverb to cease, and they shall no more use it as a proverb in Israel. But say thou to them, The days are at
24 hand, and the doing of every vision. For there shall be no more any false vision nor flattering divination within the
25 house of Israel. For I am Jehovah. I will speak, and the word that I shall speak shall come to pass; it shall be no more delayed. For in your days, O rebellious house, will I speak the word, and I will perform it; the Lord Jehovah hath said it.

26 Again the word of Jehovah came to me, saying, Son of
27 Adam, behold, they of the house of Israel say, 'The vision
'that he seeth is for distant days, and he prophesieth of the
28 'times that are far off.' Therefore say to them, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; There shall none of my words be delayed any more, but the word which I shall speak shall be done, the Lord Jehovah hath said it.

1 AND THE WORD OF JEHOVAH came to me, saying, Son of
2 Adam, prophesy AGAINST THE PROPHETS of Israel that prophesy, and say thou to them that prophesy out of their own
3 hearts, Hear ye the word of Jehovah; Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; Woe to the foolish prophets, that follow their
4 own spirit, and have seen nothing! O Israel, thy prophets
5 are like the foxes in desolate places. Ye have not gone up into the gaps, neither have ye made up the fence for the

house of Israel to stand in the battle in the day of Jehovah.
They have had false visions and lying divination, saying, 6
'Jehovah hath said it;' but Jehovah did not send them.
And they failed to confirm the word. Have ye not seen a 7
false vision, and have ye not spoken a lying divination,
whereas ye say, 'Jehovah hath said it;' even when I have
not spoken? Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah; Be- 8
cause ye have spoken falsely, and had lying visions, therefore,
behold, I am against you; the Lord Jehovah hath said it.
And my hand shall be upon the prophets that have false 9
visions, and lying divinations. They shall not be in the
council of my people, neither shall they be written in the
writing of the house of Israel, neither shall they enter into
the land of Israel; and ye shall know that I am the Lord
Jehovah. Because, even because they have misled my 10
people, saying, 'Peace;' and there was no peace, and one
buildeth up a wall, and, lo, others daub it with mortar;
say to them that daub it with mortar, that it shall fall, 11
there will be an overflowing shower; and ye, O great hail-
stones, will fall; and a stormy wind will rend it. And lo, 12
when the wall is fallen, shall it not be said to you, 'Where
'is the daubing wherewith ye have daubed it?' Therefore 13
thus saith the Lord Jehovah; I will even rend it with a
stormy wind in my wrath; and there shall be an overflow-
ing shower in mine anger, and great hailstones in my wrath
to consume it. And I will break down the wall that ye 14
have daubed with mortar, and bring it down to the ground,
so that its foundation shall be laid bare, and it shall fall,
and ye yourselves shall be consumed in the midst thereof;
and ye shall know that I am Jehovah. And thus will I 15
accomplish my wrath upon the wall, and upon them that
have daubed it with mortar, and I will say to you, The
wall is no more, and they that daubed it are no more; to 16
wit, the prophets of Israel who prophesy concerning Jeru-
salem, and who see visions of peace for her, when there is
no peace: the Lord Jehovah hath said it.

Likewise, thou son of Adam, set thy face AGAINST THE 17
DAUGHTERS of thy people, who prophesy out of their own
heart; and prophesy thou against them. And say, thus 18
saith the Lord Jehovah: Woe to the women that sew
cushions to all wrists, and make kerchiefs upon heads of
every height to hunt souls! Ye hunt the souls of my

19 people, and will ye save your own souls alive? And ye
pollute me among my people for handfuls of barley and for
pieces of bread, to slay the souls that should not die, and
to save the souls alive that should not live, by your lying
20 to my people that hear your lies? Therefore thus saith the
Lord Jehovah; Behold, I am against your cushions, where-
with ye there hunt the souls to make them fly away, and I
will tear them from your arms, and will let the souls go, even
21 the souls that ye hunt to make them fly away. Your ker-
chiefs also will I tear, and will deliver my people out of
your hand, and then they shall be no more in your hand
22 to be hunted; and ye shall know that I am Jehovah. Be-
cause with lies ye have made the heart of the righteous sad,
whom I have not made sad; and strengthened the hands
of the wicked, that he should not turn from his wicked way,
23 so as to save his life. Therefore ye shall have no more
false visions, nor shall ye divine divinations; for I will
deliver my people out of your hand; and ye shall know
that I am Jehovah.

1 Then came certain of THE ELDERS OF ISRAEL to me, and
2 sat down before me. And the word of Jehovah came to
3 me, saying, Son of Adam, these men have set up their filthy
idols in their heart, and have put the stumbling-block of their
iniquity before their face. Should I be inquired of at all
4 by them? Therefore speak to them, and say to them,
Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; Every man of the house of
Israel that setteth up his filthy idols in his heart, and
placeth the stumbling-block of his iniquity before his face,
and cometh to the prophet; I Jehovah will answer him
that cometh according to the multitude of his filthy idols;
5 so that I may take the house of Israel because of their own
heart, because they are all estranged from me through their
filthy idols.

6 Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord
Jehovah; Return, and turn away from your filthy idols;
7 and turn away your faces from all your abominations. For
every one of the house of Israel, or of the strangers that
sojourn in Israel, who separateth himself from me, and
setteth up his filthy idols in his heart, and putteth the
stumbling-block of his iniquity before his face, and cometh
to a prophet to inquire of him concerning me; I Jehovah
8 will answer him of myself. And I will set my face against

that man, and will make him a sign and a proverb, and I will cut him off from the midst of my people; and ye shall know that I am Jehovah. And if the prophet be 9
deceived and should solemnly say that I Jehovah had deceived that prophet, then I will stretch out my hand upon him, and will destroy him from the midst of my people Israel. And they shall bear the punishment of their ini- 10
quity; the punishment of the prophet shall be even as the punishment of him that inquireth of him; so that the house 11
of Israel may go no more astray from me, neither be polluted any more with all their transgressions; but that they may be my people, and then I will be their God; the Lord Jehovah hath said it.

And the word of Jehovah came to me, saying, Son of 12
Adam, when the land sinneth against me by trespassing 13
grievously, then will I stretch out my hand upon it, and will break the staff of its bread, and will send famine upon it, and will cut off man and beast from it; though these 14
three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they should save only their own souls by their righteousness; the Lord Jehovah hath said it.

If I cause noisome beasts to pass through the land, and 15
they spoil it, so that it be desolate, that no man pass through it because of the beasts; though these three men were in 16
it, as I live, the Lord Jehovah hath said it, they should save neither sons nor daughters; they only should be saved, but the land should be desolate.

Or if I bring a sword upon that land, and say, 'Sword, 17
'go through the land;' so that I cut off man and beast from it; though these three men were in it, as I live, the Lord 18
Jehovah hath said it, they should save neither sons nor daughters; but they themselves only should be saved.

Or if I send a pestilence into that land, and pour out my 19
wrath upon it in blood, to cut off from it man and beast; though Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, as I live, the 20
Lord Jehovah hath said it, they should save neither son nor daughter; they should save only their own souls by their righteousness.

For thus saith the Lord Jehovah; How much more when 21
I send my four sore judgments upon Jerusalem, sword, and famine, and noisome beast, and pestilence, to cut off from it man and beast? Yet, behold, therein shall be left an es- 22

caped few that shall be brought forth, both sons and daughters. Behold, they shall come forth to you, and ye shall see their way and their doings; and ye shall be comforted concerning the evil that I have brought upon Jerusalem,
23 even concerning all that I have brought upon it. And they shall comfort you, when ye see their ways and their doings; and ye shall know that I have not done without cause all that I have done in it; the Lord Jehovah hath said it.

1 AND THE WORD OF JEHOVAH came to me, saying, Son of
2 Adam, What is the wood of the vine more than any tree of
3 branches, which is among the trees of the forest? Shall wood be taken therefrom to do any work? Or will men take
4 a peg therefrom to hang any vessel thereon? Behold, it is cast into the fire for fuel. The fire devoureth both the ends of it, and the midst of it is burned. Is it meet for any
5 work? Behold, when it was whole, it was used for no work. How much less shall it be used for work, when the
6 fire hath devoured it, and it is burned; Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah; As the wood of the vine among the trees of the forest, which I have given up to the fire for
7 fuel, so have I given up the inhabitants of Jerusalem. And I have set my face against them; they shall go out from one fire, and another fire shall devour them; and ye shall know
8 that I am Jehovah, when I set my face against them. And I have made the land desolate, because they have committed a trespass; the Lord Jehovah hath said it.

1 AND THE WORD OF JEHOVAH came to me, saying, Son of
2 Adam, cause JERUSALEM to know her abominations, and
3 say, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah unto Jerusalem; Thy bringing forth and thy birth was of the land of Canaan;
4 thy father was an Amorite, and thy mother a Hittite. And as for thy birth, in the day thou wast born thy navel-string was not cut, neither wast thou washed in water for cleans-
5 ing; thou wast not salted at all, nor swaddled at all. No eye pitied thee, to do any of these to thee, to have compassion on thee; but thou wast cast out in the open field, in the loathing of thy person, in the day that thou wast
6 born. And when I passed by thee, and saw thee trampled on in thine own blood, I said to thee when thou wast in thy blood, 'Live;' yea, I said to thee when thou wast in thy
7 blood, 'Live.' I caused thee to multiply as the herb of the

field, and thou didst increase and wax great, and thou camest to be an ornament of ornaments. Thy breasts were fashioned, and thy hair grew, but thou wast naked and bare. And when I passed by thee, and saw thee, behold, 8
thy time was the time of love. And I spread my skirt over thee, and covered thy nakedness. Yea, I sware unto thee, and entered into a covenant with thee, the Lord Jehovah hath said it, and thou becamest mine. Then washed 9
I thee with water; yea, I thoroughly washed away thy blood from thee, and I anointed thee with oil. I clothed thee 10
also with embroidered work, and shod thee with seal's skin, and I girded thee about with fine linen, and I covered thee with silk. I decked thee also with ornaments, and I put 11
bracelets upon thy hands, and a chain on thy neck. And 12
I put a ring on thy nose, and earrings in thine ears, and a beautiful crown upon thy head. Thus wast thou decked 13
with gold and silver; and thy raiment was of fine linen, and silk, and embroidered work; thou didst eat fine flour, and honey, and oil; and thou wast exceeding beautiful, and thou didst prosper into a kingdom. And thy name went 14
forth among the Nations for thy beauty; for it was made perfect through my ornaments, which I had put upon thee; the Lord Jehovah hath said it.

But thou didst trust in thine own beauty, and playedst 15
the harlot because of thy name, and pouredst out thy fornications on every one that passed by; it was his. And 16
thou didst take some of thy garments, and didst make for thyself High Places [or altars] with divers colours, and playedst the harlot thereupon. The like never did come, neither shall it be so. Thou hast also taken thy fair jewels 17
of my gold and of my silver, which I had given thee, and madest to thyself images of men, and didst commit fornication with them, and tookest thy embroidered garments, and 18
clothedst them. And thou hast set mine oil and mine incense before them. My bread also which I gave thee, 19
fine flour, and oil, and honey, wherewith I fed thee, thou hast even set it before them for a sweet savour. And thus it was; the Lord Jehovah hath said it. Moreover thou 20
hast taken thy sons and thy daughters, whom thou hast borne unto me, and these hast thou sacrificed to them to be devoured. Is this of thy fornications a small matter, that 21
thou hast slain my children, and delivered them to cause

them to pass through [the fire] for them? And in all thine abominations and thy fornications thou hast not remembered the days of thy youth, when thou wast naked and bare, and wast trampled upon in thy blood. And it came to pass after all thy wickedness, (woe, woe unto thee! the Lord Jehovah hath said it,) that thou hast also built unto thee a den, and hast made thee a raised place in every street. Thou hast built thy raised place at every head of the way, and hast made thy beauty to be abhorred, and hast opened thy feet to every one that passed by, and multiplied thy fornications. Thou hast also committed fornication with the sons of Egypt, thy neighbours, great of flesh; and hast increased thy fornications, to provoke me to anger.

Behold, therefore I have stretched out my hand over thee, and have diminished thine allowance, and delivered thee to the will of them that hate thee, the daughters of the Philistines, who are ashamed of thy lewd way. Thou hast also played the harlot with the sons of Assyria, because thou wast not satisfied; yea, thou hast played the harlot with them, and yet couldest not be satisfied. Thou hast moreover multiplied thy fornication in the land of Canaan unto Chaldea; and yet thou wast not satisfied herewith. How weak is thy heart, the Lord Jehovah hath said it, seeing thou doest all these things, the work of an imperious harlot; in that thou buildest thy den in the head of every way, and makest thy raised place in every street. And yet thou hast not been as an harlot; in that thou scornest hire; but as a wife that committeth adultery, who taketh strangers instead of her husband. Men give gifts to all harlots; but thou givest thy gifts to all thy lovers, and thou hirest them, that they may come unto thee on every side for thy fornication. And the contrary is in thee from other women in thy fornications, whereas none followeth thee to commit fornication; and in that thou givest hire, and no hire is given to thee, therefore thou art contrary.

Therefore, O harlot, hear the word of Jehovah. Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; Because thy copper money hath been poured out, and thy nakedness discovered in thy fornications with thy lovers, and with all the filthy idols of thy abominations, and by the blood of thy children, which

thou didst give to them; behold, therefore I will gather in 37
all thy lovers, with whom thou hast taken pleasure, and all
them that thou hast loved, with all them that thou hast
hated; I will even gather them round about against thee,
and will uncover thy nakedness to them, that they may see
all thy nakedness. And I will judge thee, as women that 38
break wedlock and shed blood are judged; and I will give
to thee the blood of wrath and jealousy. And I will also 39
give thee into their hand, and they shall throw down thy
den, and shall break down thy raised places; they shall
strip thee also of thy clothes, and shall take thy fair jewels,
and leave thee naked and bare. They shall also bring up 40
an assembly [of witnesses] against thee, and they shall stone
thee with stones, and thrust thee through with their swords.
And they shall burn thy houses with fire, and execute 41
judgments upon thee in the sight of many women; and I
will cause thee to cease from playing the harlot, and thou
also shalt give no hire any more. So will I make my wrath 42
toward thee to rest, and my jealousy shall depart from thee,
and I will be quiet, and will be angry no more.

Because thou hast not remembered the days of thy youth, 43
but hast fretted me in all these things; behold, therefore
I also will recompense thy way upon thy head, the Lord
Jehovah hath said it; and thou shalt not commit this
lewdness above all thine abominations. Behold, every one 44
that useth proverbs shall use this proverb against thee, say-
ing, 'As is the mother, so is her daughter.' Thou art thy 45
mother's daughter, that loathed her husband and her chil-
dren; and thou art the sister of thy sisters, who loathed
their husbands and their children. Your mother was a
Hittite, and your father an Amorite. And thine elder 46
sister is Samaria, she and her daughters that dwell at thy
left hand; and thy younger sister, that dwelleth at thy
right hand, is Sodom and her daughters. Yet hast thou 47
not walked after their ways, nor done after their abomina-
tions. This was disdained as a very little thing, and thou
wast corrupted more than they in all thy ways.

As I live, the Lord Jehovah hath said it, Sodom thy 48
sister hath not done, she nor her daughters, as thou hast
done, thou and thy daughters. Behold, this was the ini- 49
quity of thy sister Sodom; pride, fulness of bread, and
slothful idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither

50 did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy. And
they were haughty, and committed abomination before me.
51 Therefore I took them away when I saw it. Neither hath
Samaria committed half of thy sins; but thou hast multi-
plied thine abominations more than they, and hast justified
thy sisters by all thine abominations which thou hast done.
52 Bear thou also thine own shame, who hast taken the blame
off thy sisters, by thy sins that thou hast done more abomin-
able than they. They are more righteous than thou. Yea,
be thou confounded also, and bear thou thine own shame,
53 in that thou hast justified thy sisters. When I shall bring
home their captivity, the captivity of Sodom and her daugh-
ters, and the captivity of Samaria and her daughters, then
54 will I bring home thy captivity in the midst of them; so
that thou mayest bear thine own shame, and mayest be
ashamed of all that thou hast done, in that thou art a com-
55 fort unto them. When thy sisters, Sodom and her daugh-
ters, shall return to their former estate, and Samaria and
her daughters shall return to their former estate, then thou
and thy daughters shall return to your former estate.
56 Should not thy sister Sodom have been a warning in thy
57 mouth in the day of thy pride, before thy wickedness was
laid bare, as at the time of the reproach of the daughters of
58 Syria, and all that are round about her, the daughters of
the Philistines, who despise thee round about? Thou hast
borne thy lewdness and thine abominations; Jehovah hath
said it.

59 For thus saith the Lord Jehovah; I will even do with
thee as thou hast done, who hast despised the oath in
60 breaking the covenant. Nevertheless I will remember my
covenant with thee in the days of thy youth, and I will
61 establish unto thee an everlasting covenant. Then thou
shalt remember thy ways, and be ashamed, when thou shalt
receive thy sisters, thine elder and thy younger; and I will
give them to thee for daughters, but not by thy covenant.
62 And I will establish my covenant with thee; and thou
63 shalt know that I am Jehovah; so that thou mayest re-
member, and be confounded, and never open thy mouth any
more because of thy shame, when I am pacified toward thee
for all that thou hast done; the Lord Jehovah hath said
it.

1 And the word of Jehovah came to me, saying, Son of

Adam, put forth A RIDDLE, and speak a parable unto the 2
house of Israel; and say, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; A 3
great eagle with great wings, long-winged, full of feathers,
which had divers colours, came to Lebanon, and took the
highest branch of the cedar. He cropped off the top of 4
its young twigs, and carried it into a land of traffic; he set
it in a city of merchants. He took also some of the seed 5
of the land, and sowed it in a field; he placed it by great
waters, and set it as a willow tree. And it grew, and be- 6
came a spreading vine of low stature, whose twigs turned
toward him, and its roots were under him. So it became
a vine, and brought forth branches, and shot forth sprigs.
There was also another great eagle with great wings and 7
many feathers. And, behold, this vine did bend its roots in
thirst toward him, and shot forth its twigs toward him, that
he might water it through the furrows of its plantation. It 8
was planted in a good soil by great waters, that it might
bring forth branches, and that it might bear fruit, that it
might be a goodly vine. Say thou, Thus saith the Lord 9
Jehovah; Shall it prosper? Shall he not pull up its roots,
and cut off its fruit, that it may wither? It shall wither in
all the leaves of its branches, even without great power or
many people to pluck it up by its roots. Yea, behold, 10
when it is planted, shall it prosper? Shall it not utterly
wither, when the east wind toucheth it? It shall wither
in the furrows where it grew.

Moreover the word of Jehovah came to me, saying, Say 11
now to the rebellious house, Know ye not what these things 12
mean? Behold, the king of Babylon [Nebuchadnezzar] is
come to Jerusalem, and hath taken its king [Jehoiachin],
and its princes, and led them with him to Babylon; and 13
hath taken one of the king's seed [Zedekiah], and made a
covenant with him, and hath brought him under an oath.
He hath also taken the mighty of the land; that the king- 14
dom might be low, that it might not lift itself up, but that
his covenant might be kept to stand. But he rebelled 15
against him in sending his messengers into Egypt, that they
might give him horses and much people. Shall he prosper?
Shall he escape that doeth such things? And shall he
break the covenant, and escape? As I live, the Lord Jeho- 16
vah hath said it, surely in the place belonging to the king
that made him king, whose oath he despised, and whose

covenant he brake, even with him in the midst of Babylon
17 he shall die. Neither shall Pharaoh [Hophra] with his mighty army and great company help him in the war, by casting up siege-mounds, and building forts, so as to cut off
18 many persons; since he despised the oath by breaking the covenant, when, lo, he had given his hand [in promise], and
19 hath done all these things, he shall not escape. Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah; As I live, surely mine oath that he [Zedekiah] hath despised, and my covenant that he hath broken, even it will I recompense upon his own head.
20 And I will spread my net on him, and he shall be taken in my snare, and I will bring him to Babylon, and will plead against him there for his trespass that he hath trespassed
21 against me. And all his fugitives with all his armies shall fall by the sword, and they that remain shall be scattered toward all winds; and ye shall know that I Jehovah have spoken it.

22 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; I will also take part of the highest branch of the high cedar, and will set it; I will crop off from the top of its young twigs a tender one,
23 and will plant it on a mountain high and built up; on the mountain of the height of Israel will I plant it. And it shall bring forth boughs, and bear fruit, and be a goodly cedar. And under it shall dwell all fowl of every wing;
24 in the shadow of its branches shall they dwell. And all the trees of the field shall know that I Jehovah have brought down the high tree, I have exalted the low tree, I have dried up the green tree, and I have made the dry tree to flourish. I Jehovah have spoken and have done it.

1 And the word of Jehovah came to me, saying, What
2 mean ye, that ye use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the
3 'children's teeth are set on edge?' As I live, the Lord Jehovah hath said it, ye shall not have any more to use this
4 proverb in Israel. Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine; the soul that sinneth, it shall die.

5 But if a man be righteous, and do that which is lawful
6 and right, and hath not eaten upon the mountains, neither hath lifted up his eyes to the filthy idols of the house of Israel, neither hath defiled his neighbour's wife, neither

hath come near to a woman during her impurity, and hath 7
not oppressed any, but hath restored to the debtor his
pledge, hath spoiled none by violence, hath given his bread
to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment;
he that hath not lent upon usury, neither hath taken any 8
increase, that hath withdrawn his hand from dishonesty,
hath executed true judgment between man and man, hath 9
walked in my statutes, and hath kept my judgments, to
deal truly; he is righteous, he shall surely live, the Lord
Jehovah hath said it.

If a man that is a housebreaker, a shedder of blood, and 10
that doeth to his brother any one of these things, beget a
son; and that [son] doeth not any of these things; yet if he 11
hath eaten upon the mountains, and defiled his neighbour's
wife, hath oppressed the poor and needy, hath plundered 12
by violence, hath not restored the pledge, and hath lifted
up his eyes to the filthy idols, hath committed abomina-
tion, hath lent upon usury, and hath taken increase; shall 13
he then live? He shall not live. He hath done all these
abominations; he shall surely die. His blood shall be
upon him.

Now, lo, if he beget a son, that seeth all his father's sins 14
which he hath done, and considereth, and doeth not such
like, that hath not eaten upon the mountains, neither hath 15
lifted up his eyes to the filthy idols of the house of Israel,
hath not defiled his neighbour's wife, neither hath oppressed 16
any, hath not taken a pledge, neither hath spoiled by vio-
lence, but hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath
covered the naked with a garment, that hath taken off his 17
hand from the poor, that hath not received usury nor in-
crease, hath executed my judgments, hath walked in my
statutes; he shall not die for the iniquity of his father, he
shall surely live. As for his father, because he cruelly 18
oppressed, spoiled his brother by violence, and did what is
not good among his people, lo, even he shall die in his
iniquity.

Yet say ye, 'Why? Doth not the son bear the iniquity 19
'of the father?' When the son hath done what is lawful
and right, and hath kept all my statutes, and hath done
them, he shall surely live. The soul that sinneth, it shall 20
die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father,

neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.

21 But if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all my statutes, and do what is
22 lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die. All his transgressions that he hath committed, they shall not be remembered against him; in his righteousness that he
23 hath done he shall live. Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? the Lord Jehovah hath said it; and not that he should return from his ways, and live?

24 But when the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and doeth according to all the abominations that the wicked man doeth, shall he live? All his righteousness that he hath done shall not be remembered; in his trespass that he hath trespassed, and in his sin that he hath sinned, in them shall he die.

25 Yet ye say, 'The way of the Lord is not equal.' Hear now, O house of Israel; Is not my way equal? Are not
26 your ways unequal? When a righteous man turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and dieth in them; for his iniquity that he hath done he dieth.
27 Again, when the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth what is lawful
28 and right, he shall save his soul alive. Because he considereth, and turneth away from all his transgressions that he hath committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.
29 Yet saith the house of Israel, 'The way of the Lord is not 'equal.' O house of Israel, are not my ways equal? Are
30 not your ways unequal? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways; the Lord Jehovah hath said it.

Repent, and turn away from all your transgressions; so
31 iniquity shall not be a stumbling-block to you. Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make for you a new heart and a new spirit;
32 for why will ye die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, the Lord Jehovah hath said it; therefore turn yourselves, and live ye.

1 Moreover take thou up a lamentation for the princes
2 of Israel, and say, What is thy mother? A lioness. She lay down among lions, she nourished her whelps among

young lions. And she brought up one of her whelps [Jehoahaz]; it became a young lion, and it learned to tear in pieces the prey; it devoured men. The nations also heard of him; he was taken in their pit, and they brought him with chains to the land of Egypt. Now when she saw that she had waited, and her hope was lost, then she took another of her whelps [Jehoakim], and made him a young lion. And he went up and down among the lions, he became a young lion, and learned to tear in pieces the prey, and he devoured men. And he knew their desolations, and he laid waste their cities; and the land was desolate, and its fulness, by the noise of his roaring. Then the nations set against him on every side from the provinces, and spread their net over him; he was taken in their pit; and they put him in ward in chains, and brought him to the king of Babylon [Nebuchadnezzar]. They brought him into strongholds, so that his voice should no more be heard upon the mountains of Israel.

Thy mother [Judea] was like a vine in thy likeness, planted by the waters; she was fruitful and full of branches by reason of many waters. And she had strong rods for the sceptres of the rulers, and her stature was exalted among the thick branches, and she was seen in her height by the multitude of her branches. But she was plucked up in wrath, she was cast down to the ground, and the east wind dried up her fruit; her strong rods were broken and withered, the fire consumed them. And now she is planted in the desert, in a dry and thirsty ground. And fire is gone out of a rod of her branches, it hath devoured her fruit, so that she hath no strong rod to be a sceptre to rule.

This is a lamentation, and shall be for a lamentation.

AND IT CAME TO PASS in the seventh year [B.C. 594], in the fifth month, on the tenth day of the month, that certain of the elders of Israel came to inquire of Jehovah, and they sat before me. Then came the word of Jehovah to me, saying, Son of Adam, speak to THE ELDERS of Israel, and say to them, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; Are ye come to inquire of me? As I live, the Lord Jehovah hath said it, I will not be inquired of by you. Wilt thou plead for them, son of Adam, wilt thou plead? Cause them to know the abominations of their fathers. And say to them, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; In the day when I chose

Israel, and lifted up my hand [in oath] unto the seed of the house of Jacob, and made myself known to them in the land of Egypt, when I lifted up my hand to them,
6 saying, 'I am Jehovah your God;' in the day that I lifted up my hand [in oath] unto them, that I would bring them forth out of the land of Egypt into a land which I had spied out for them, flowing with milk and honey, which
7 is the beauty of all lands; then said I to them, 'Cast ye 'away every man the abominations of his eyes, and defile 'not yourselves with the filthy idols of Egypt; I am Jehovah
8 'your God.' But they rebelled against me, and would not hearken unto me. They did not every man cast away the abominations of their eyes, neither did they forsake the filthy idols of Egypt. Then I said, I would pour out my wrath upon them, to accomplish my anger against them in
9 the midst of the land of Egypt. But I wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be polluted in the eyes of the nations, among whom they were, in whose sight I made myself known to them, in bringing them forth out of the
10 land of Egypt. Therefore I caused them to go forth out of the land of Egypt, and brought them into the desert.
11 And I gave them my statutes, and shewed them my judgments, which if a man do, he shall even live in them.
12 Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am Jehovah that sanctify them.
13 But the house of Israel rebelled against me in the desert. They walked not in my statutes, and they despised my judgments, which if a man do, he shall even live in them; and my sabbaths they greatly polluted. Then I said, I would pour out my wrath upon them in the desert, to con-
14 sume them. But I wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be polluted in the eyes of the nations, in whose sight I brought them out.
15 Yet also I lifted up my hand [in oath] to them in the desert, that I would not bring them into the land which I had given them, flowing with milk and honey, which is
16 the beauty of all lands; because they despised my judgments, and walked not in my statutes, but polluted my sabbaths; for their heart went after their filthy idols.
17 Nevertheless mine eye spared them from destroying them,
18 neither did I make an end of them in the desert. But I

said to their children in the desert, 'Walk ye not in the
'statutes of your fathers, neither observe their judgments,
'nor defile yourselves with their filthy idols. I am Jehovah 19
'your God; walk in my statutes, and keep my judgments,
'and do them; and keep holy my sabbaths; and they shall 20
'be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I am
'Jehovah your God.' Notwithstanding the children rebelled 21
against me. They walked not in my statutes, neither kept
my judgments to do them, which if a man do, he shall even
live in them; they polluted my sabbaths. Then I said, I
would pour out my wrath upon them, to accomplish my
anger against them in the desert. Nevertheless I withdrew 22
my hand, and wrought for my name's sake, that it should
not be polluted in the eyes of the nations, in whose sight
I brought them forth.

I also lifted up my hand [in oath] to them in the desert, 23
that I would scatter them among the Nations, and disperse
them through the countries; because they had not executed 24
my judgments, but had despised my statutes, and had pol-
luted my sabbaths, and their eyes were after their fathers'
filthy idols. Therefore I gave them also statutes that were 25
not good, and judgments whereby they should not live; and 26
I polluted them in their own gifts, in that they caused to
pass through [the fire] all that openeth the womb, so that
I might make them desolate, to the end that they might
know that I am Jehovah.

Therefore, son of Adam, speak to the house of Israel, and 27
say to them, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; Yet in this
your fathers have blasphemed me, in that they have com-
mitted a trespass against me. For when I had brought 28
them into the land, for which I lifted up my hand [in oath]
that I would give it to them, then they saw every high
hill, and all the thick trees, and they sacrificed there their
sacrifices, and there they presented the provocation of their
gifts. There also they made their sweet savour, and poured
out there their drink offerings. Then I said to them, 29
'What is the High Place [or Altar] whereunto ye go?'
And the name thereof is called Bamah [or High Place] unto
this day.

Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord 30
Jehovah; Are ye polluted after the manner of your fathers?
and do ye go astray after their abominations? For when ye 31

offer your gifts, when ye make your sons to pass through the fire, ye pollute yourselves with all your filthy idols, even unto this day. And shall I be inquired of by you, O house of Israel? As I live, the Lord Jehovah hath said it, I will
32 not be inquired of by you. And that which cometh into your mind shall by no means come to pass, when ye say, 'We will be as the Nations, as the families of the countries, 'to serve wood and stone.'
33 As I live, the Lord Jehovah hath said it, surely with a mighty hand, and with a stretched-out arm, and with wrath
34 poured out, will I rule over you. And I will bring you out from the peoples, and will gather you in from the countries wherein ye are scattered, with a mighty hand, and
35 with a stretched-out arm, and with wrath poured out. And I will bring you into the desert of the [eastern] people, and
36 there will I plead with you face to face. Like as I pleaded with your fathers in the desert of the land of Egypt, so
37 will I plead with you; the Lord Jehovah hath said it. And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring
38 you into the bond of the covenant. And I will purge out from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against me. I will bring them forth out of the country where they sojourn, and they shall not enter into the land of Israel;
39 and ye shall know that I am Jehovah. As for you, O house of Israel, thus saith the Lord Jehovah; Go ye, serve ye every one his filthy idols, and hereafter also, if ye will not hearken unto me; but pollute ye my holy name no more
40 with your gifts, and with your filthy idols. For on my holy mountain, on the mountain of the height of Israel, the Lord Jehovah hath said it, there shall all the house of Israel, all of them in the land, serve me; there will I accept them, and there will I require your Heave offerings, and the best
41 of your gifts, with all your holy things. I will accept you with your sweet savour, when I bring you out from the peoples, and gather you out of the countries wherein ye have been scattered; and I will be sanctified in you in the
42 eyes of the Nations. And ye shall know that I am Jehovah, when I shall bring you into the land of Israel, into the country for which I lifted up my hand [in oath] to
43 give it to your fathers. And there shall ye remember your ways, and all your doings, wherein ye have been defiled; and ye shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for all your

evils that ye have committed. And ye shall know that I am Jehovah, when I have wrought with you for my name's sake, not according to your wicked ways, nor according to your corrupt doings, O ye house of Israel; the Lord Jehovah hath said it.

Moreover the word of Jehovah came to me, saying, Son of Adam, set thy face toward the right hand, and speak toward the south, and prophesy against the forest of the SOUTH COUNTRY [of Judea]; and say to the forest of the South Country, Hear the word of Jehovah; Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; Behold, I will kindle a fire in thee, and it shall devour every green tree in thee, and every dry tree. The flame of the lightning shall not be quenched, and all faces from the south to the north shall be scorched thereby. And all flesh shall see that I Jehovah have kindled it. It shall not be quenched. Then said I, 'Ah Lord Jehovah! 'they say of me, Doth he not speak parables?'

And the word of Jehovah came to me, saying, Son of Adam, set thy face toward Jerusalem, and speak toward the holy places, and prophesy AGAINST THE LAND OF ISRAEL, and say to the land of Israel, Thus saith Jehovah; Behold, I am against thee, and will draw forth my sword out of its sheath, and will cut off from thee the righteous and the wicked. Seeing then that I will cut off from thee the righteous and the wicked, therefore shall my sword go forth out of its sheath against all flesh from the south to the north; that all flesh may know that I Jehovah have drawn forth my sword out of its sheath; it shall not return any more. Sigh therefore, thou son of Adam, with the breaking of thy loins; and with bitterness sigh before their eyes. And it shall be, when they say to thee, 'Wherefore sighest 'thou?' that thou shalt say, 'For the tidings; because it 'cometh.' And every heart shall melt, and all hands shall be feeble, and every spirit shall faint, and all knees shall be weak as water. Behold, it cometh, and it shall be brought to pass, the Lord Jehovah hath said it.

And the word of Jehovah came to me, saying, Son of Adam, prophesy, and say, Thus saith Jehovah; Say, A SWORD, A SWORD is sharpened, and is also polished. It is sharpened, to make a sore slaughter; it is polished that it may glitter. Should we then make mirth? The rod of my son despiseth every other wood. And he hath given

it to be polished, that it may be held in the hand. This sword is sharpened, and it is polished, to give it into the
12 hand of the slayer. Cry and howl, thou son of Adam; for it shall be upon all my people, it shall be upon all the princes of Israel. Terrors by reason of the sword shall be upon my
13 people. Smite therefore upon thy thigh. Because it is a trial; and what if even the rod which despiseth shall be
14 no more? the Lord Jehovah hath said it. Thou therefore, son of Adam, prophesy, and smite thy hands together, and let the sword be brought again the third time, the sword of the slain. It is the sword of the great slaughter, which
15 besetteth them. I have set the slaughter of the sword against all their city gates, so that their heart may faint, and their ruins be multiplied. Alas! it is made to glitter,
16 it is sharpened for the slaughter. Form close ranks, turn to the right, set yourselves straight, turn to the left, whither-
17 soever thy face is set. Then I will smite my hands together, and I will cause my wrath to rest; I Jehovah have said it.

18 And the word of Jehovah came to me, saying, Also, thou
19 son of Adam, mark out to thee TWO WAYS, by which the sword of the king of Babylon [Nebuchadnezzar] may come. Both twain shall come forth out of one land. And set thou up a finger-post, set it up at the head of the way to
20 the city. Mark out one way, that the sword may come to Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and [another] to Judah
21 in Jerusalem the fortified. For the king of Babylon stood at the parting of the way, at the head of the two ways, to use divination. He made his arrows shake together, he consulted with Teraphs [or images], he looked into the liver.
22 At his right hand was the divination for Jerusalem, to place battering-rams, to open the mouth with the war-cry, to lift up the voice with shouting, to place battering-rams against the city gates, to cast a siege-mound, and to build a
23 fort. And it shall be to them a false divination in their sight, as were the oaths that they swore to them. And He will call to remembrance the iniquity, that they may be
24 taken captives. Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah; Because ye have made your iniquity to be remembered, in that your transgressions are uncovered, so that in all your doings your sins do appear; because, I say, that ye are

come to remembrance, ye shall be taken captive by the hand.

And thou, profane wicked prince of Israel [Zedekiah], whose day is come, when iniquity shall have an end, thus saith the Lord Jehovah; Remove the diadem, and take off the crown; this is not he. Exalt him that is low, and abase him that is high. A ruin, a ruin, a ruin will I make it; and it shall be no more, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it to him.

And thou, son of Adam, prophesy and say, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah concerning the children of Ammon, and concerning their reproach; even say thou, The sword, the sword is drawn; it is polished for the slaughter, to consume because of the glittering; while they see false visions about thee, while they divine a lie about thee, to bring thee upon the necks of them that are slain, of the wicked, whose day is come, when their iniquity shall have an end. Shall I cause it to return into its sheath? I will judge thee in the place where thou wast created, in the land of thy nativity. And I will pour out mine indignation upon thee, I will blow against thee in the fire of my wrath, and deliver thee into the hand of men who burn and are skilful to destroy. Thou shalt be for fuel to the fire; thy blood shall be in the midst of the land; thou shalt be no more remembered; for I Jehovah have spoken it.

And the word of Jehovah came to me, saying, Now, thou son of Adam, wilt thou plead, wilt thou plead for THE CITY OF BLOODSHED? Nay, thou shalt shew her all her abominations. Then say thou, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; The city sheddeth blood in the midst of her, that her time may come, and she maketh filthy idols for herself to defile herself. Thou art become guilty by thy blood that thou hast shed; and thou hast defiled thyself by thy filthy idols which thou hast made; and thou hast caused thy days to draw near, and art come even unto thy years. Therefore have I made thee a reproach unto the Nations, and a mocking to all countries. Those near, and those far from thee, shall mock thee. Thou art defiled in name and much vexed. Behold, the princes of Israel, every one was in thee with his arm, to shed blood. In thee men have neglected father and mother; in the midst of thee have they dealt

by oppression with the stranger; in thee have they vexed
8 the fatherless and the widow. Thou hast despised my holy
9 things, and hast profaned my sabbaths. In thee men are tale-bearers in order to shed blood; and in thee they eat upon the mountains; in the midst of thee they commit
10 lewdness. In thee have they uncovered their fathers' nakedness; in thee have they humbled her that was set
11 apart in her impurity. And one hath committed abomination with his neighbour's wife; and another hath lewdly defiled his daughter in law; and another in thee hath
12 humbled his sister, his father's daughter. In thee have they taken bribes to shed blood; thou hast taken usury and increase, and thou hast plundered thy neighbours by extortion; and me thou hast forgotten; the Lord Jehovah hath said it.

13 Behold, therefore I have clapped my hands at thy dishonest gain which thou hast made, and at thy blood which
14 hath been in the midst of thee. Can thy heart endure, or can thy hands be strong, in the days when I shall deal with thee? I Jehovah have spoken it, and I will do it.
15 And I will scatter thee among the Nations, and disperse thee in the countries, and will consume thy filthiness out
16 of thee. And thou shalt be defiled in thyself in the sight of the Nations, and thou shalt know that I am Jehovah.

17 And the word of Jehovah came to me, saying, Son of
18 Adam, the house of Israel is become dross to me. All they are copper, and pewter, and iron, and lead, in the midst of
19 the furnace; they are even the dross of silver. Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah; Because ye are all become dross, behold, therefore I will gather you into the midst of
20 Jerusalem. As they gather silver, and copper, and iron, and lead, and pewter, into the midst of the furnace, to blow the fire upon it, to melt it; so will I gather you in mine anger and in my wrath, and I will leave you there, and
21 melt you. Yea, I will heap you together, and blow upon you in the fire of my wrath, and ye shall be melted in the
22 midst thereof. As silver is melted in the midst of the furnace, so shall ye be melted in the midst thereof; and ye shall know that I Jehovah have poured out my wrath upon you.

23 And the word of Jehovah came to me, saying, Son of
24 Adam, say to her, Thou art the land that is not cleansed;

she shall not be rained upon in the day of indignation. There 25
is a conspiracy of her prophets in the midst of her, like a roaring lion tearing in pieces the prey. They have devoured souls; they have taken the treasure and the precious things; they have made her widows many in the midst of her. Her priests have done violence to my Law, and have 26
profaned my holy things. They have put no separation between the holy and unholy, neither have they shewed difference between the unclean and the clean, and have hidden their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them. Her princes in the midst of her are like 27
wolves tearing in pieces the prey, to shed blood, and to destroy souls, in order to get dishonest gain. And her 28
prophets have daubed themselves with mortar, seeing false visions, and divining lies to them, saying, 'Thus saith the 'Lord Jehovah,' when Jehovah hath not spoken. The 29
people of the land have used oppression, and exercised robbery, and have vexed the poor and needy; yea, they have oppressed the stranger wrongfully. And I sought for 30
a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found none. Therefore will I pour out 31
mine indignation on them; I will consume them with the fire of my wrath. Their own way will I recompense upon their heads; the Lord Jehovah hath said it.

And the word of Jehovah came to me, saying, Son of 1
Adam, there were TWO WOMEN, the daughters of one mother. 2
And they committed fornication in Lower Egypt; they 3
committed fornication in their youth. There were their breasts pressed, and there men handled the teats of their virginity. And the names of them were Aholah [or Her 4
Tent] the elder, and Aholibah [or My Tent in her] her sister. And they were mine, and they bare sons and daughters. Thus were their names; Samaria is Aholah, and Jerusalem Aholibah. And Aholah played the harlot 5
when she was mine; and she doted on her lovers, on the Assyrians her neighbours, who were clothed with blue, 6
Pashas [or governors] and rulers, all of them desirable young men, horsemen riding upon horses. Thus she be- 7
stowed her fornications on them, all them that were the chosen sons of Assyria; and on all on whom she doted, with all their filthy idols she defiled herself. Neither left 8

she her fornications brought from Egypt; for in her youth they lay with her, and they handled the breasts of her vir-
9 ginity, and poured their fornication on her. Therefore I delivered her into the hand of her lovers, into the hand of the
10 sons of Assyria, on whom she doted. These uncovered her nakedness. They took her sons and her daughters, and slew her with the sword. And she became famous among women; for they had executed judgment on her.
11 And when her sister Aholibah saw this, she was more corrupt in her inordinate love than she, and in her forni-
12 cations more than her sister in her fornications. She doted upon the sons of Assyria her neighbours, Pashas and rulers clothed most gorgeously, horsemen riding upon horses, all
13 of them desirable young men. Then I saw that she also
14 was defiled. Both women took one way, and she increased her fornications. For when she saw men portrayed upon the wall, the images of the Chaldeans portrayed with
15 vermilion, girded with girdles upon their loins, overflowing with dyed attire upon their heads, all of them Chiefs-of-three [or chariot warriors] to look at, after the manner of the Chaldeans, the sons of Babylon the land of their
16 birth; and as soon as she saw them with her eyes, she doted upon them, and sent messengers to them into Chaldea.
17 And the sons of Babylon came to her into the bed of love, and they defiled her with their fornication, and she was de-
18 filed with them. And her mind was alienated because of them. And she uncovered her fornications, and uncovered
19 her nakedness. Then my mind was alienated from her, like as my mind was alienated from her sister. Yet she multiplied her fornications, in calling to remembrance the days of her youth, wherein she had played the harlot in the land
20 of Egypt. For she doted upon their paramours, whose flesh is as the flesh of asses, and whose issue is like the issue of horses.
1 Thus thou callest to remembrance the lewdness of thy youth, in the bruising of thy teats by the Egyptians for
2 the paps of thy youth. Therefore, O Aholibah, thus saith the Lord Jehovah; Behold, I will raise up thy lovers against thee, because of whom thy mind was alienated, and
3 I will bring them against thee on every side; the sons of Babylon, and all the Chaldeans, Prefect and rich man and noble, and all the sons of Assyria with them, all of them

desirable young men, Pashas and rulers, Chiefs-of-three and renowned, all of them riding upon horses. And they shall 24
come against thee with arms, chariots, and wheels, and with an assembly of peoples, who shall set against thee buckler and shield and helmet round about. And I will set judgment before them, and they shall judge thee according to their own judgments. And I will set my jealousy against 25
thee, and they shall deal with thee in wrath. They shall take away thy nose and thine ears; and thy remnant shall fall by the sword. They shall take thy sons and thy daughters; and thy remnant shall be devoured by the fire. They shall 26
also strip thee out of thy clothes, and take away thy fair jewels. Thus will I make thy lewdness to cease from thee, 27
and thy fornication brought from the land of Egypt; so that thou shalt not lift up thine eyes to them, nor remember Egypt any more.

For thus saith the Lord Jehovah; Behold, I have de- 28
livered thee into the hand of them whom thou hatest, into the hand of them by means of whom thy mind was alienated. And they shall deal with thee in hatred, and shall 29
take away all thy labour, and shall leave thee naked and bare. And the nakedness of thy fornications shall be uncovered, both thy lewdness and thy fornications. I will 30
do these things to thee, because thou hast gone astray after the Nations, and because thou art polluted with their filthy idols. Thou hast walked in the way of thy sister; there- 31
fore will I give her cup into thy hand.

Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; Thou shalt drink of thy 32
sister's cup deep and large. Thou shalt be a scorn and a derision; it containeth much. Thou shalt be filled with 33
drunkenness and sorrow, with the cup of despair and desolation, with the cup of thy sister Samaria. Thou shalt 34
even drink it and suck it out, and thou shalt lick its sherds; and thou shalt pluck off thine own breasts; for I have spoken it; the Lord Jehovah hath said it.

Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah; Because thou 35
hast forgotten me, and cast me behind thy back, therefore bear thou also thy lewdness and thy fornications.

And Jehovah said to me; Son of Adam, wilt thou plead 36
for Aholah and Aholibah? Yea, declare to them their abominations; that they have committed adultery, and 37
blood is in their hands, and with their filthy idols have

they committed adultery, and have also caused their sons, whom they bare unto me, to pass for them through [the fire]
38 to be devoured. Moreover this they have done unto me. They have defiled my Sanctuary in the same day, and have
39 polluted my sabbaths. For when they had slain their children to their filthy idols, then they came the same day into my Sanctuary to pollute it; and, lo, thus have they done
40 in the midst of my House. And furthermore, that ye have sent for men to come from far, unto whom a messenger was sent. And, lo, they came, for whom thou didst wash thyself, didst paint thine eyes with black, and didst deck thy-
41 self with ornaments, and satest upon a stately bed, and a table was prepared before it, whereupon thou hast set mine
42 incense and mine oil. And the voice of an idle rabble was with her. And with the men of the common sort there were brought drunkards from the desert, who put bracelets
43 on their hands, and beautiful crowns on their heads. Then said I of her that was old in adulteries, 'Will they now com-
44 'mit fornications with her, and she with them?' Yet they went in unto her, as they go in unto a woman that playeth the harlot; so went they in unto Aholah and unto Aholibah, the lewd women.

45 And the righteous men, they shall judge them after the manner of adulteresses, and after the manner of women that shed blood; because they are adulteresses, and blood is in
46 their hands. For thus saith the Lord Jehovah; I will bring up an Assembly [of witnesses] against them, and will
47 give them up to be removed and plundered. And the Assembly shall stone them with stones, and cut them down with their swords; they shall slay their sons and their
48 daughters, and shall burn up their houses with fire. Thus will I cause lewdness to cease out of the land, that all
49 women may be taught not to do after your lewdness. And they shall recompense your lewdness upon you, and ye shall bear the sins of your filthy idols; and ye shall know that I am the Lord Jehovah.

1 AND IN THE NINTH YEAR [B.C. 592], in the tenth month, on the tenth day of the month, the word of Jehovah came
2 unto me, saying, Son of Adam, write unto thee the name of the day, even of this same day; the king of Babylon [Nebuchadnezzar] hath set himself against Jerusalem on this same

day. And utter A PARABLE unto the rebellious house, and 3
say to them, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; Set on a pot,
set it on, and also pour water into it. Gather its pieces into 4
it, even every good piece, the thigh, and the shoulder; fill
it with the choice bones, taking the choicest of the flock. 5
And also set a pile of bones under it, and make it boil well,
and let them boil the bones of it therein.

Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah; Woe to the city 6
of bloodshed, to the pot whose rust is in it, and whose rust
is not gone out of it! Bring it out piece by piece; let no
lot be cast upon it. For her blood is in the midst of her; 7
she set it upon the sun-burnt top of a rock; she poured it
not upon the ground, to cover it with dust; so that she 8
caused Wrath to come up to take vengeance. I have set
her blood upon the sun-burnt top of a rock, that it should
not be covered.

Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah; Woe to the city 9
of bloodshed! I will even make the pile of fire great. Heap 10
on wood, kindle the fire, consume the flesh, and spice it
with spices, and let the bones be burned. Then set [the 11
pot] when empty upon the coals thereof, that the copper
of it may be hot, and may burn, and that the filthiness of
it may be melted in it, that the rust of it may be consumed.
She hath wearied herself with toil, and her great rust went 12
not forth out of her; her rust shall be in the fire. In thy 13
filthiness is lewdness. Because I have purged thee, and
thou wast not purged, thou shalt not be purged from thy
filthiness any more, till I have caused my wrath to rest
upon thee. I Jehovah have spoken it; it shall come to 14
pass, and I will do it; I will not go back, neither will I
spare, neither will I repent; according to thy ways, and
according to thy doings, shall they judge thee; the Lord
Jehovah hath said it.

ALSO THE WORD OF JEHOVAH came unto me, saying, Son 15
of Adam, behold, I take away from thee the desire of thine 16
eyes by a stroke; yet neither shalt thou mourn nor weep,
neither shall thy tears run down. Groan in silence, make 17
no mourning for the dead, bind thy head-dress upon thee,
and put on thy shoes upon thy feet, and cover not thy beard,
and eat not the bread of men.

So I spake to the people in the morning; and at evening 18

my wife died; and I did in the morning as I was com-
19 manded. And the people said to me, 'Wilt thou not tell
'us what these things are to us, why thou doest so?'
20 Then I answered them, The word of Jehovah came to
21 me, saying, Speak to the house of Israel, Thus saith the
Lord Jehovah; Behold, I will profane my Sanctuary, the
excellence of your strength, the desire of your eyes, and
the longing of your soul; and your sons and your daughters
22 whom ye have forsaken shall fall by the sword. And ye
shall do as I have done; ye shall not cover your beard,
23 nor eat the bread of men. And your head-dress shall be
on your heads, and your shoes upon your feet. Ye shall
not mourn nor weep; but ye shall pine away for your
24 iniquities, and groan one toward another. Thus Ezekiel
is to you a sign. According to all that he hath done shall
ye do; and when this cometh, ye shall know that I am the
Lord Jehovah.
25 Also, thou son of Adam, shall it not be in the day when
I take from them their strength, the joy of their glory, the
desire of their eyes, and the burden of their minds, their
26 sons and their daughters; that he that escapeth in that day
shall come to thee, to cause thee to hear it with thine ears?
27 In that day shall thy mouth be opened to him which is
escaped, and thou shalt speak, and be no more dumb. And
thou shalt be a sign to them; and they shall know that I
am Jehovah.

1 And the word of Jehovah came to me, saying, Son of
2 Adam, set thy face against THE CHILDREN OF AMMON, and
3 prophesy against them; and say to the children of Ammon,
Hear the word of the Lord Jehovah; Thus saith the Lord
Jehovah; Because thou saidst, Aha, against my Sanctuary,
when it was profaned; and against the land of Israel, when
it was desolate; and against the house of Judah, when they
4 went into captivity; behold, therefore I will deliver thee
to the Children of the East for a possession, and they shall
set their strongholds in thee, and make their dwellings in
thee. They shall eat thy fruit, and they shall drink thy
5 milk. And I will make Rabbah to be a stable for camels,
and the Children of Ammon a couching-place for flocks;
6 and ye shall know that I am Jehovah. For thus saith the
Lord Jehovah; Because thou hast clapped thy hands, and
stamped with the feet, and rejoiced in heart with all thy

spite against the land of Israel; behold, therefore I will 7
stretch out my hand upon thee, and will deliver thee for a
spoil to the Nations; and I will cut thee off from the
peoples, and I will cause thee to perish out of the coun-
tries; I will destroy thee; and thou shalt know that I am
Jehovah.

Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; Because that MOAB AND 8
SEIR do say, Behold, the house of Judah is like all the
Nations; therefore, behold, I will lay open to the Children 9
of the East the side of Moab from the cities, even from its
cities which are on its frontier, the beauty of the country,
Beth-jeshimoth, Baal-maon, and Kirjathaim, as far as the 10
Children of Ammon; and I will give them also in posses-
sion, so that the Children of Ammon may not be remem-
bered among nations. And I will execute judgments upon 11
Moab; and they shall know that I am Jehovah.

Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; Because EDOM hath dealt 12
against the house of Judah by taking vengeance, and hath
greatly sinned, and revenged himself on them; therefore 13
thus saith the Lord Jehovah; I will also stretch out my
hand upon Edom, and will cut off man and beast from it,
and will make it desolate; from Teman even to Dedan
they shall fall by the sword. And I will lay my vengeance 14
upon Edom by the hand of my people Israel; and they
shall do in Edom according to mine anger and according
to my wrath; and they shall know my vengeance; the
Lord Jehovah hath said it.

Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; Because THE PHILISTINES 15
have dealt by revenge, and have taken vengeance with a
spiteful heart, to destroy it with everlasting hatred; there- 16
fore thus saith the Lord Jehovah; Behold, I will stretch
out my hand upon the Philistines, and I will cut off the
Cherethites, and destroy the remnant of the sea coasts.
And I will execute great vengeance upon them with wrath- 17
ful rebukes; and they shall know that I am Jehovah, when
I shall lay my vengeance upon them.

And it came to pass in the eleventh year [B.C. 590], 1
on the first day of the month, that the word of Jehovah
came to me, saying, Son of Adam, because Tyre hath said 2
against Jerusalem, 'Aha, she is broken down; the door of
'the nations is opened to me; I shall be replenished, now
'she is laid waste.' Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah; 3

Behold, I am AGAINST THEE, O Tyre, and will cause many nations to come up against thee, as the sea causeth its
4 waves to come up. And they shall destroy the walls of Tyre, and break down her towers; I will also scrape her earth from her, and make her like the sun-burnt top of a
5 rock. It shall be a place to spread nets upon in the midst of the sea. For I have spoken it, the Lord Jehovah hath
6 said it; and it shall become a spoil to the nations. And its suburbs which are on the land shall be slain by the sword; and they shall know that I am Jehovah.

7 For thus saith the Lord Jehovah; Behold, I will bring upon Tyre Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, a king of kings, from the north, with horses, and with chariots, and with
8 horsemen, and companies, and much people. He shall slay with the sword thy suburbs on the land. And he shall make a fort against thee, and cast a siege-mound against
9 thee, and lift up the buckler against thee. And he shall set battering-rams against thy walls, and with his axes he
10 shall break down thy towers. By reason of the abundance of his horses their dust shall cover thee; thy walls shall shake at the noise of the horsemen, and of the wheels, and of the chariots, when he shall enter into thy gates, as men
11 enter into a city by a breach. With the hoofs of his horses shall he tread down all thy streets; he shall slay thy people by the sword, and the pillars of thy strength shall go down
12 to the ground. And they shall plunder thy riches, and make a prey of thy merchandise; and they shall break down thy walls, and destroy thy pleasant houses; and they shall cast thy stones and thy timber and thy earth into
13 the midst of the water. And I will cause the noise of thy songs to cease; and the sound of thy harps shall be no more
14 heard. And I will make thee like the sun-burnt top of a rock. Thou shalt be a place to spread nets upon; thou shalt be built up no more; for I Jehovah have spoken it, the Lord Jehovah hath said it.

15 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah to Tyre; Shall not the isles shake at the sound of thy fall, when the wounded groan,
16 when the slaughter is made in the midst of thee? Then all the princes of the sea shall come down from their thrones, and lay aside their robes, and put off their embroidered garments; they shall clothe themselves with trembling; they shall sit upon the ground, and shall tremble at every

moment, and be astonished at thee. And they shall take 17
up a lamentation for thee, and say to thee, 'How art thou
'destroyed, that wast inhabited in the ocean, the renowned
'city, which wast strong in the sea, she and her inhabitants,
'who caused their terror to be on all that inhabit it!' Now 18
shall the isles tremble in the day of thy fall; yea, the isles
that are in the sea shall be troubled at thy departure. For 19
thus saith the Lord Jehovah; When I shall make thee a
desolate city, like the cities that are not inhabited; when
I shall bring up the deep over thee, and the great waters
shall cover thee; when I shall bring thee down with them 20
that descend into the Pit, unto the people of old time, and
shall set thee in the world below, in places desolate of old,
with them that go down to the Pit, so that thou be not
inhabited; then I will set Beauty [or Jerusalem] in the
land of the living. I will make thee a terror, and thou 21
shalt be no more. Though thou be sought for, yet shalt
thou never be found again; the Lord Jehovah hath said it.

And the word of Jehovah came to me, saying, Now, thou 1
son of Adam, take up A LAMENTATION FOR TYRE; and say 2
to Tyre, O thou that art situate at the entrance of the sea, 3
who art the merchant of the peoples unto many isles, Thus
saith the Lord Jehovah; O Tyre, thou hast said, 'I am of
'perfect beauty.' Thy boundaries are in the heart of the 4
ocean, thy builders have perfected thy beauty. They have 5
made all thy ship timbers of fir trees from Senir; they have
taken cedars from Lebanon to make masts for thee. Of 6
the oaks from Bashan have they made thine oars; they
have made thy benches of ivory, inlaid in cedar from the
isles of the Chittians [or Cyprus]. Fine linen with embroid- 7
ered work from Egypt was that which thou spreadest forth
to be thy sail; blue and purple from the isles of Elishah
[or Greece] was thine awning. The inhabitants of Sidon 8
and Arvad were thy rowers; thy skilful men, O Tyre, that
were in thee, were thy sailors. The elders of Gebal [or 9
Byblus] and its skilful men were in thee to stop thy chinks;
all the ships of the sea with their mariners were in thee to
attend to thy cargoes. They of Persia and of Lud [or the 10
Egyptian Arabs] and of Phut [or the Africans] were in
thine army, thy men of war; they hanged up the shield
and helmet in thee; they set forth thy comeliness. The 11
Children of Arvad with thine army were upon thy walls

round about, even as warriors on thy towers; they hanged their shields upon thy walls round about; they have made
12 thy beauty perfect. Tarshish [or Tarsus] was thy place of trade by reason of the multitude of all kind of riches in silver; iron, pewter, and lead, they brought for thy com-
13 merce. Javan [or Ionia], Tubal [or the Tibareni], and Meshech [or the Muscovites], they were thy merchants for the persons of men [or slaves]; and they brought vessels of
14 copper as thy merchandise. They of the house of Togarmah [or Armenia] brought for thy commerce horses and horse-
15 men and mules. The children of Dedan were thy merchants; many isles were the places of trade at thy hand; they sent back to thee in payment ivory tusks and ebony.
16 Syria was thy place of trade by reason of the multitude of the wares of thy making; they sent for thy commerce emeralds, purple, and embroidered work, and fine linen, and
17 coral, and rubies. Judah, and the land of Israel, they were thy merchants; they brought for thy merchandise wheat of Minnith, and cakes, and sweetmeats, and oil, and balm.
18 Damascus was thy place of trade in the multitude of the wares of thy making, for the multitude of all riches; in
19 the wine of Helbon [or Aleppo], and white wool. Vedan and Javan [in Arabia] brought thread for thy commerce; wrought iron, cassia, and calamus, were among thy mer-
20 chandise. Dedan was thy merchant in precious cloths for
21 riding. Arabia, and all the princes of Kedar, were merchants at thy hand in lambs, and rams, and goats; in these
22 were they thy merchants. The merchants of Sheba and Raamah, they were thy merchants; they brought for thy commerce the chief of all spices, and all precious stones,
23 and gold. Haran, and Canneh, and Eden, the merchants
24 of Sheba, Assyria, and Chilmad, were thy merchants. These were thy merchants in things of excellence, in blue cloths, and embroidered work, and in chests of rich apparel, bound with cords, and made of cedar, among thy merchandise.
25 The ships of Tarshish were thy caravans for thy merchandise; and thou wast filled, and made very glorious in the heart of the ocean.

26 Thy rowers have brought thee into great waters; the east wind hath broken thee to pieces in the heart of the
27 ocean. Thy riches, and thy commerce, thy merchandise, thy mariners, and thy sailors, those who stop thy chinks,

and those who attend to thy cargoes, and all thy men of war, that are in thee, and in all thy company which is in the midst of thee, shall fall into the heart of the ocean in the day of thy ruin. The pasture lands shall shake at the 28
sound of the cry of thy sailors. And all that handle the 29
oar, the mariners, and all the sailors of the sea, shall come down from their ships, they shall stand upon the land;
and shall cause their voice to be heard against thee, and 30
shall cry bitterly, and shall cast up dust upon their heads, they shall roll themselves in the ashes; and they shall 31
make themselves utterly bald for thee, and gird them with sackcloth, and they shall weep for thee with bitterness of heart, mourning bitterly. And their sons shall take up a 32
lamentation for thee, and sing a lamentation over thee, [saying,]

'Who is like Tyre, like the ruin in the midst of the sea?
'When thy wares went forth upon the ocean, 33
'Thou filledst many nations with thy great riches;
'And didst enrich kings of the earth with thy cargoes.
'Now thou shalt be broken upon the ocean, 34
'Thy cargoes, and all thy company in the midst of thee,
'Shall fall into the depths of the waters.
'All who dwell in the isles shall be amazed at thee, 35
'And their kings shall be sore afraid,
'They shall be troubled in their countenance.
'The merchants among the nations shall hiss at thee; 36
'Thou shalt be ruined, and never shalt be any more.'

And the word of Jehovah came to me, saying, Son of 1
Adam, say to the prince of Tyre, Thus saith the Lord Jeho- 2
vah; Because thy heart is lifted up, and thou sayest, 'I 'am a God, I sit in the seat of God, in the heart of the 'ocean;' yet thou art a man, and not a God, though thou shouldst set thy heart as the heart of God. Behold, thou 3
art wiser than Daniel; there is no secret that they can hide from thee; with thy wisdom and with thine understanding 4
thou hast gotten to thee riches, and hast gotten gold and silver into thy treasures; by thy great wisdom and by thy 5
traffic thou hast increased thy riches, and thy heart is lifted up because of thy riches. Therefore thus saith the 6
Lord Jehovah; Because thou hast set thy heart as the heart of God; behold, therefore I will bring strangers upon 7
thee, the terrible of the nations. And they shall draw their

swords against the beauty of thy wisdom, and they shall
8 defile thy brightness. They shall bring thee down to the
Pit, and thou shalt die the death of them that are slain in
9 the heart of the ocean. Wilt thou yet say before him that
slayeth thee, 'I am God'? But thou shalt be a man, and
10 no God, in the hand of him that slayeth thee. Thou shalt
die the death of the uncircumcised by the hand of strangers;
for I have spoken it, the Lord Jehovah hath said it.
11 Moreover the word of Jehovah came to me, saying, Son
12 of Adam, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyre,
and say to him, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; Thou wast
a beautiful signet ring, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.
13 Thou wast in Eden the garden of God. Every precious
stone was thy covering, the ruby, the topaz, and the dia-
mond, the chrysolite, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire,
the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold; the workman-
ship of thy settings and of thy jewel-holes was prepared
14 in thee in the day that thou wast created. Thou wast an
anointed cherub that coveredst [the Ark]; and I did set
thee so. Thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou
hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.
15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast
16 created, till iniquity was found in thee. By the multitude
of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with
violence, and thou hast sinned. Therefore I will cast thee
as profane out of the mountain of God; and I will destroy
thee, O cherub that coveredst, from the midst of the stones
17 of fire. Thy heart was lifted up because of thy beauty,
thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy bright-
ness; I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before
18 kings, that they may behold thee. Thou hast defiled thy
sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the dis-
honesty of thy traffic; therefore will I bring forth a fire
from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee; and I will
bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them
19 that behold thee. All they that know thee among the people
shall be astonished at thee. Thou shalt be a terror, and
never shalt thou be any more.
20 And the word of Jehovah came to me, saying, Son of
21 Adam, set thy face AGAINST SIDON, and prophesy against
22 it, and say, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; Behold, I am
against thee, O Sidon; and I will be glorified in the midst

of thee. And they shall know that I am Jehovah, when I shall have executed judgments in her, and shall be sanctified in her. For I will send into her pestilence, and 23
blood into her streets; and the wounded shall fall in the midst of her by the sword that is upon her on every side; and they shall know that I am Jehovah. And there shall 24
be no more a pricking brier unto the house of Israel, nor any painful thorn of all those round about them, that despised them; and they shall know that I am the Lord Jehovah. Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; When I shall 25
have gathered the house of Israel from the peoples among whom they are scattered, and I shall be sanctified in them in the sight of the Nations, then shall they dwell in their land that I gave to my servant Jacob. And they shall 26
dwell safely therein, and shall build houses, and plant vineyards; yea, they shall dwell with confidence, when I have executed judgments upon all those that despise them round about them. And they shall know that I am Jehovah their God.

In the tenth year, in the tenth month [B. C. 590], on the 1
twelfth day of the month, the word of Jehovah came to me, saying, Son of Adam, set thy face AGAINST PHARAOH 2
king of Egypt, and prophesy against him, and against all Egypt; speak, and say, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; Behold, I am against thee, Pharaoh [Hophra] king of Egypt, 3
thou great dragon [or Crocodile] that lieth in the midst of his rivers, who hath said, 'My river is mine own, and I 'made it for myself.' But I will put hooks into thy jaws, 4
and I will cause the fish of thy rivers to stick to thy scales, and I will bring thee up out of the midst of thy rivers, and all the fish of thy rivers shall stick to thy scales. And I 5
will throw thee into the desert, thee and all the fish of thy rivers. Thou shalt fall upon the face of the field; thou shalt not be brought together, nor gathered up. I have given thee for food to the wild beasts of the earth and to the fowls of the heavens. And all the inhabitants of Egypt 6
shall know that I am Jehovah, because they have been a staff of reed to the house of Israel. When they took hold 7
of thee by thy hand, thou didst crack, and didst rend all their shoulder; and when they leaned upon thee, thou brakest, and madest all their loins to be at a stand.

Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah; Behold, I will 8

bring a sword upon thee, and cut off man and beast out of
9 thee. And the land of Egypt shall be desolate and waste;
and they shall know that I am Jehovah; because he said,
10 'The river is mine, and I made it.' Behold, therefore I am
against thee, and against thy rivers, and I will make the
land of Egypt utterly waste and desolate, from Magdolon
11 to Syene even to the boundary of Ethiopia. No foot of
man shall pass through it, nor foot of cattle shall pass
through it, neither shall it be inhabited for forty years.
12 And I will make the land of Egypt desolate in the midst
of the countries that are desolate, and her cities among the
cities that are laid waste; they shall be desolate for forty
years. And I will scatter the Egyptians among the na-
tions, and will disperse them through the countries.
13 Yet thus saith the Lord Jehovah; At the end of forty
years will I gather the Egyptians from the people whither
14 they were scattered. And I will bring home again the
captivity of Egypt, and will cause them to return into the
land of Pathros [or the Thebaid], into the land of their
15 birth; and they shall be there a base kingdom. It shall
be the basest of the kingdoms; neither shall it exalt itself
any more above the nations. For I will diminish them,
16 that they shall no more rule over the nations. And it shall
be no more a cause of trust to the house of Israel. It shall
bring their iniquity to remembrance, when they look after
them [the Egyptians]; and they shall know that I am the
Lord Jehovah.
17 And it came to pass in the seven and twentieth year
[B.C. 574], in the first month, on the first day of the
18 month, the word of Jehovah came to me, saying, Son of
Adam, Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath caused his
army to serve a great service against Tyre. Every head
was made bald, and every shoulder was peeled; yet had he
no wages, nor his army, for Tyre, for the service that he
19 had served against it. Therefore thus saith the Lord Jeho-
vah; Behold, I will give the land of Egypt to Nebuchad-
rezzar king of Babylon; and he shall carry away her rabble,
and take her plunder, and take her prey; and it shall be the
20 wages for his army. I have given him the land of Egypt
for his labour wherewith he served against it, because they
21 worked for me; the Lord Jehovah hath said it. In that
day will I cause the horn of the house of Israel to bud forth,

and I will give thee to open thy mouth in the midst of them; and they shall know that I am Jehovah.

AND THE WORD OF JEHOVAH came to me, saying, Son of 1
Adam, prophesy and say, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; 2
Howl ye, 'Woe to the day!' For the day is near, even the day 3
of Jehovah is near, a cloudy day; it shall be the time of the
Nations. And the sword shall come upon Egypt, and great 4
pain shall be in Ethiopia, when the slain shall fall in Egypt,
and they shall take away her rabble, and her foundations
shall be broken down. Ethiopia, and Phut [or the Africans], 5
and Lud [or the Egyptian Arabs], and all the Arabs, and
Cub [or Nubia], and the children of the land that is in
league with them, shall fall by the sword. Thus saith 6
Jehovah; They also that uphold Egypt shall fall; and the
pride of her power shall come down; from Magdolon to
Syene shall they fall in it by the sword; the Lord Jehovah
hath said it. And they shall be desolate in the midst of 7
the countries that are desolate, and her cities shall be in
midst of the cities that are wasted. And they shall know 8
that I am Jehovah, when I have set a fire in Egypt, and
when all her helpers shall be destroyed. In that day shall 9
messengers go forth from me in ships to make the careless
Ethiopians afraid, and great pain shall come upon them,
as in the day of Egypt; for, lo, it cometh.

Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; I will also make the 10
rabble of Egypt to cease by the hand of Nebuchadrezzar
king of Babylon. He and his people with him, the ter- 11
rible of the nations, shall be brought to destroy the land.
And they shall draw their swords against Egypt, and fill the
land with the slain. And I will make the rivers dry, and 12
sell the land into the hand of the wicked. And I will
make the land desolate, and all that is therein, by the hand
of strangers; I Jehovah have spoken it.

Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; I will also destroy the 13
filthy idols, and I will cause their vain images to cease out
of Noph [or Memphis]; and there shall be no more a prince
of the land of Egypt. And I will put a fear in the land
of Egypt. And I will make Pathros [or the Thebaid] 14
desolate, and will set a fire in Zoan [or Tanis], and will
execute judgments in No [or Thebes]. And I will pour 15
my fury upon Sin [or Sais], the strength of Egypt; and
I will cut off the rabble of No. And I will set a fire in 16

Egypt; Sin shall have great pain, and No shall be rent
17 asunder, and Noph shall have distresses daily. The young men of Aven [or the City of Vanity] and of Pibeseth [or Bubastis] shall fall by the sword; and these cities shall go
18 into captivity. At Tahpenes [or Daphnæ] also the day shall be darkened, when I shall break there the sceptres of Egypt; and the pomp of her strength shall cease in her. As for her, a cloud shall cover her, and her daughters shall
19 go into captivity. Thus will I execute judgments in Egypt; and they shall know that I am Jehovah.

20 AND IT CAME TO PASS in the eleventh year [B.C. 590], in the first month, on the seventh day of the month, that
21 the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, Son of Adam, I have broken the arm of Pharaoh [Hophra] king of Egypt; and, lo, it shall not be bound up to be healed, to put a bandage to bind it up, to make it strong to hold the sword.
22 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah; Behold, I am against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and will break his arms, both the strong one, and that which was broken; and I
23 will cause the sword to fall out of his hand. And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse
24 them through the countries. And I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and put my sword into his hand. But I will break Pharaoh's arms, and he shall groan before him with the groanings of a deadly wounded
25 man. But I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and the arms of Pharaoh shall fall down; and they shall know that I am Jehovah, when I shall put my sword into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall stretch
26 it out upon the land of Egypt. And I will scatter the Egyptians among the Nations, and disperse them among the countries; and they shall know that I am Jehovah.

1 AND IT CAME TO PASS in the eleventh year, in the third month, on the first day of the month, that the word of
2 Jehovah came to me, saying, Son of Adam, say to Pharaoh king of Egypt, and to his rabble; Whom art thou like in
3 thy greatness? Behold, the Assyrian was a cedar in Lebanon with fair branches, and with a shadowing thicket, and of a high stature; and his top twig was among thick
4 boughs. The waters made him great, the deep set him up on high with its rivers running round about his plants, and sent out its little streams unto all the trees of the field.

Therefore his height was exalted above all the trees of the field, and his boughs were multiplied, and his branches became long because of the multitude of waters, when he shot forth. All the fowls of the heavens made their nests in his boughs, and under his branches did all the wild beasts of the field bring forth their young, and under his shade dwelt all great nations. Thus was he fair in his greatness, in the length of his branches; for his root was by great waters. The cedars in the garden of God could not overtop him. The fir trees were not like his boughs, and the plane trees were not like his branches; nor any tree in the garden of God was like to him in his beauty. I made him fair by the multitude of his branches, so that all the trees of Eden, that were in the garden of God, envied him.

Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah; Because thou hast lifted up thyself in height, and he hath shot up his top twig among the thick boughs, and his heart is lifted up in his height; I will therefore deliver him into the hand of the God of the Nations; he shall surely deal with him. I will drive him out for his wickedness. And strangers, the terrible of the nations, will cut him off, and will forsake him upon the mountains; and in all the valleys his branches will fall, and his boughs be broken by all the rivers of the land; and all the people of the earth will go down from his shade, and will forsake him. Upon his ruin will all the fowls of the heavens dwell, and all the wild beasts of the field will be upon his branches; to the end that none of all the trees by the waters shall lift themselves up in their height, neither shoot up their top twig among the thick boughs. Neither shall any that drink water stand up against them in their height. For they are all delivered unto death, to the world below, in the midst of the children of Adam, with them that are gone down to the Pit.

Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; In the day when he went down to hell I caused a mourning. I covered the deep for him, and I restrained its floods, and the great waters were stayed. And I clothed Lebanon in black for him, and all the trees of the field fainted for him. I made nations to shake at the sound of his fall, when I cast him down to hell with them that are gone down into the Pit. And all the trees of Eden, the choicest and the best of Lebanon, all

that drink water, shall be comforted in the world below.
17 They also went down into hell with him unto them that were slain with the sword; and they that were his arm, that had dwelt under his shade in the midst of the Nations.
18 To whom art thou thus like in glory and in greatness among the trees of Eden? Yet shalt thou be brought down with the trees of Eden unto the world below. Thou shalt lie in the midst of the uncircumcised with them that were slain by the sword. This is Pharaoh and all his rabble; the Lord Jehovah hath said it.

1 AND IT CAME TO PASS in the twelfth year, in the twelfth month [B.C. 588], on the first day of the month, that the
2 word of Jehovah came to me, saying, Son of Adam take up a lamentation for Pharaoh king of Egypt, and say to him, Thou art like a young lion of the Nations, and thou art as a dragon in the ocean. And thou rushedst forth in thy rivers, and muddiedst the waters with thy feet, and fouledst
3 their rivers. Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; I will therefore spread out my net over thee with a company of many
4 people; and they shall bring thee up in my net. Then will I leave thee upon the land, I will cast thee forth upon the open field, and will cause all the fowls of the heavens to dwell upon thee, and I will satisfy the wild beasts of
5 the whole earth with thee. And I will lay thy flesh upon
6 the mountains, and fill the valleys with thy height. I will also water with thy blood the land wherein thou swimmest, even to the mountains; and the pools shall be
7 full of thee. And in quenching thee [as a flame], I shall cover the heavens, and make the stars thereof dark; I shall cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon will not give her
8 light. All the bright lights of the heavens will I make dark over thee, and set darkness upon thy land; the Lord Jehovah hath said it.
9 I will also vex the hearts of many people, when I shall bring thy broken limbs among the Nations, into the coun-
10 tries which thou hast not known. Yea, I will make many peoples amazed at thee, and their kings shall be horribly afraid at thee, when I shall brandish my sword before their faces; and they shall tremble at every moment, every man for his own life, in the day of thy fall.
11 For thus saith the Lord Jehovah;
The sword of the king of Babylon shall come on thee.

By swords of warriors will I cause thy rabble to fall, 12
The terrible of the Nations, all of them;
And they shall plunder the pomp of Egypt,
And all its rabble shall be destroyed.
And I will destroy all its cattle from the great waters; 13
And the foot of man shall muddy them no more,
Nor the hoofs of cattle muddy them.
Then I will make their waters shallow, 14
And cause their rivers to run like oil;
The Lord Jehovah hath said it.
When I shall make the land of Egypt desolate, 15
And the country shall be destitute from its fulness,
When I shall smite all them that dwell therein,
Then shall they know that I am Jehovah.
This is the Lamentation wherewith they shall lament her. 16
The daughters of the Nations shall sing lamentations over her; they shall lament for her, even for Egypt, and for all her rabble; the Lord Jehovah hath said it.

And it came to pass in the twelfth year [B.C. 588], on 17
the fifteenth day of the month, that the word of Jehovah came to me, saying, Son of Adam, wail for the rabble of 18
Egypt, and cast them down, even her, and the daughters of the famous nations, to the world below, with them that go down into the Pit. Whom dost thou surpass in beauty? 19
Go down, and be thou laid with the uncircumcised. They 20
shall fall in the midst of them that are slain by the sword. The sword is sent forth. Draw her away and all her rabble. The warrior gods shall speak to him out of the midst of 21
hell with them that help him. They are gone down, they lie uncircumcised, slain by the sword. Assyria is there 22
and all her company; his graves are about him; all of them slain, fallen by the sword; whose graves are set in 23
the back of the Pit, and her company is round about her grave; all of them slain, fallen by the sword, they who caused terror in the land of the living. There is Elam [or 24
Western Persia] and all her rabble round about her grave, all of them slain, fallen by the sword; they are gone down uncircumcised into the world below, they who caused a terror of themselves in the land of the living. And they bear their shame with them that are gone down into the Pit. They have set for her a bed in the midst of the slain 25
with all her rabble. Her graves are round about him; all

of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword. Though the terror of them was caused in the land of the living, yet they bear their shame with them that are gone down into the Pit; she is put in the midst of them that are slain.
26 There are Meshech [or the Muscovites], Tubal [or the Tibareni], and all their rabble. Their graves are round about him; all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword, though they
27 caused a terror of themselves in the land of the living. But they shall not lie with the warriors that are fallen of the uncircumcised, who are gone down to hell with their weapons of war, and have laid their swords under their heads; and their iniquities shall be upon their bones, though they were the terror of the warriors in the land of
28 the living. Yea, thou shalt be broken in the midst of the uncircumcised, and shalt lie with them that are slain by
29 the sword. There is Edom, her kings, and all her princes, who with their might are added to them that were slain by the sword. They shall lie with the uncircumcised, and with
30 them that are gone down into the Pit. There are the anointed princes of the north, all of them, and all the Sidonians, who are gone down with the slain; in the midst of the terror of them they are put to shame, away from their might; and they lie uncircumcised with them that were slain by the sword, and they bear their shame with them that are gone
31 down into the Pit. Pharaoh will see them, and will be comforted over all his rabble, even Pharaoh and all his army slain by the sword; the Lord Jehovah hath said
32 it. For I spread terror of him in the land of the living; and he shall be laid in the midst of the uncircumcised with them that were slain with the sword, even Pharaoh and all his rabble; the Lord Jehovah hath said it.

1 And the word of Jehovah came to me, saying, Son of
2 Adam, speak to THE CHILDREN OF THY PEOPLE, and say to them, When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their borders, and set him for their
3 watchman; if when he seeth the sword coming upon the
4 land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people; then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; if the sword come, and take him away, his blood
5 will be upon his own head. He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his blood shall be upon
6 him. But he that taketh warning will save his life. But

if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any life from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand. So thou, O son of Adam, I have set thee a watchman to the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me. When I say to the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; then if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thy hand. Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast saved thy soul. Therefore, O thou son of Adam, speak to the house of Israel; Ye speak thus, saying, 'If our 'transgressions and our sins be upon us, and we pine away 'in them, how should we then live?' Say to them, As I live, the Lord Jehovah hath said it, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

Therefore, thou son of Adam, say to the Children of thy People, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression. As for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turneth from his wickedness; neither shall the righteous be able to live for his righteousness in the day that he sinneth. When I shall say to the righteous, that he shall surely live; yet if he trust to his righteousness, and commit iniquity, all his righteousnesses will not be remembered; but for his iniquity that he hath committed, he shall die for it. Again, when I say to the wicked, 'Thou shalt surely 'die;' then if he turn from his sin, and do what is lawful and right; if the wicked restore the pledge, and give back what he had robbed, and walk in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die. None of his sins that he hath committed shall be remembered against him; he hath done what is lawful and right; he shall surely live.

Yet the Children of thy People say, 'The way of the Lord 'is not equal.' But as for them, their way is not equal. When the righteous turneth from his righteousness, and

19 committeth iniquity, then he shall die thereby. But if the
wicked turn from his wickedness, and do that which is
20 lawful and right, he shall live thereby. Yet ye say, 'The
'way of the Lord is not equal.' O ye house of Israel, I will
judge you every one after his own ways.

21 AND IT CAME TO PASS in the twelfth year of our captivity
[B.C. 589], in the tenth month, on the fifth day of the
month, that one that had escaped out of Jerusalem came
22 to me, saying, 'The city is smitten.' Now the hand of
Jehovah had been upon me in the evening, before he that
was escaped came. But He had opened my mouth before
he came to me in the morning; and my mouth was opened,
and I was no more dumb.

23 And the word of Jehovah came to me, saying, Son of
24 Adam, they that inhabit those wastes of the land of Israel
speak, saying, 'Abraham was one, and he gained possession
'of the land. And we are many; the land was given to us
25 'for a possession.' Therefore say thou to them, Thus saith
the Lord Jehovah; Ye eat meat with the blood, and lift up
your eyes toward your filthy idols, and shed blood; and
26 shall ye possess the land? Ye stand upon your sword, ye
work abomination, and ye defile every one his neighbour's
27 wife; and shall ye possess the land? Say thou thus to
them, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; As I live, surely they
that are in the wastes shall fall by the sword, and him that
is in the open field will I give to the wild beasts to be de-
voured, and they that are in the strongholds and in the
28 caves shall die of the pestilence. For I will lay the land
utterly desolate, and the pomp of her strength shall cease;
and the mountains of Israel shall be desolate, so that none
29 shall pass through. Then shall they know that I am Jeho-
vah, when I have laid the land utterly desolate because of
all their abominations which they have committed.

30 Also, thou son of Adam, the Children of thy People are
still talking about thee by the walls and in the doorways of
the houses, and they speak one to another, every one to his
brother, saying, 'Come, I pray you, and hear what is the
31 'word that cometh forth from Jehovah.' And they will come
to thee as a people cometh, and they will sit before thee
as my people, and hear thy words, but they will not do
them; for with their mouth they shew much love, but their
32 heart goeth after their covetousness. And, lo, thou art to

them as the song of loves of one that hath a pleasant voice,
and can play well on an instrument; and they will hear
thy words, but they will not do them. But when this 33
cometh to pass, (lo, it will come,) then will they know
that a prophet hath been among them.

And the word of Jehovah came to me, saying, Son of
Adam, prophesy AGAINST THE SHEPHERDS of Israel, pro- 1
phesy, and say to them, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah to
the shepherds; Woe to the shepherds of Israel that feed
themselves! should not the shepherds feed the flocks? Ye 2
eat the fat, and ye clothe yourselves with the wool, ye kill
them that have been fattened; but ye feed not the flock.
The weak have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed
the sick, neither have ye bound up the wounded, neither
have ye brought back that which was driven away, neither
have ye sought that which was lost; but with force have
ye ruled them, and with cruelty. And they were scattered,
because there was no shepherd; and they became food to
all the wild beasts of the field, when they were scattered.
My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon
every high hill. Yea, my flock was scattered upon all the
face of the earth, and none did search or seek after them.

Therefore, ye Shepherds, hear the word of Jehovah; As
I live, the Lord Jehovah hath said it, surely because my 1
flock became a prey, and my flock became food to every
wild beast of the field, because there was no shepherd,
neither did my shepherds search for my flock, but the
shepherds fed themselves, and fed not my flock; therefore, 1
O ye Shepherds, hear the word of Jehovah; thus saith the 1
Lord Jehovah; Behold, I am against the Shepherds; and
I will require my flock at their hand, and will cause them
to cease from being shepherds of the flock. Neither shall
the shepherds feed themselves any more; for I will deliver
my flock from their mouth, that they may not be food for
them.

For thus saith the Lord Jehovah; Behold, I, even I, will 1
both search for my flock, and I will seek them out. As a 1
shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is in the
middle of his flock that are scattered; so will I seek out
my flock, and will deliver them out of all places where they
were scattered in the cloudy and dark day. And I will 1
bring them out from the peoples, and gather them in from

the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the pools, and
4 in all the inhabited places of the land. I will feed them in a good pasture, and on the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be. There shall they lie in a good fold, and in a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel.
5 I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down;
6 the Lord Jehovah hath said it. I will seek the lost, and bring back that which was driven away, and will bind up the wounded, and will strengthen the sick; but I will destroy the fat and the strong; I will feed them with judg-
7 ment. And as for you, O my flock, thus saith the Lord Jehovah; Behold, I will judge between small cattle and
8 small cattle, between the rams and the he goats. Is it a small thing for you to feed upon the good pasture, but ye must tread down with your feet the residue of your pastures? and to drink of the shallow waters, but ye must
9 foul the residue with your feet? And as for my flock, shall they feed upon what ye have trodden with your feet; and shall they drink what ye have fouled with your feet?
10 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah to them; Behold, I, even I, will judge between the fat cattle and between the
11 lean cattle. Because ye have thrust with side and with shoulder, and have pushed all the weak with your horns, till
12 ye have scattered them abroad; therefore will I save my flock, and they shall no more be a prey; and I will judge
13 between cattle and cattle. And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even my servant David;
14 he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd. And I Jehovah will be their God, and my servant David a
15 prince among them; I Jehovah have spoken it. And I will make with them a covenant of peace, and will cause the evil beasts to cease out of the land. And they shall dwell safely in the desert, and shall sleep in the woods.
16 And I will make them and the places round about my Hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in
17 its season; the showers shall be a blessing. And the tree of the field shall yield its fruit, and the earth shall yield its increase, and they shall be safe in their land; and they shall know that I am Jehovah, when I have broken the rods of their yoke, and delivered them out of the hand of
28 those that made servants of them. And they shall no

more be a prey to the Nations, neither shall the wild beast of the land devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and none shall make them afraid. And I will raise up for 29
them a Plant of renown, and they shall be no more consumed with hunger in the land, neither shall they bear the reproach of the Nations any more. Thus they shall know 30
that I Jehovah their God am with them, and that they, even the house of Israel, are my people; the Lord Jehovah hath said it. And ye my flock, the flock of my pasture, 31
are men, and I am your God; the Lord Jehovah hath said it.

And the word of Jehovah came to me, saying, Son of 1
man, set thy face AGAINST MOUNT SEIR, and prophesy 2
against it, and say to it, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; Behold, O mount Seir, I am against thee, and I will stretch 3
out my hand against thee, and I will make thee wholly desolate. I will lay thy cities waste, and thou shalt be 4
desolate, and thou shalt know that I am Jehovah. Because thou hast had a hatred of old, and hast slain the children of Israel by the force of the sword in the time of their calamity, in the time that their iniquity cut them off; 5
therefore, as I live, the Lord Jehovah hath said it, I will 6
prepare thee for blood, and blood shall pursue thee; since thou hast not hated blood, even blood shall pursue thee. Thus will I make mount Seir wholly desolate, and will 7
cut off from it him that passeth through and him that returneth. And I will fill its mountains with its slain men. 8
In thy hills, and in thy valleys, and in all thy pools, shall they fall down slain with the sword. I will make thee 9
perpetual desolations, and thy cities shall not be inhabited; and ye shall know that I am Jehovah. Because thou hast 10
said, 'These two nations [Judah and Israel] and these two 'countries shall be mine, and we will possess them;' whereas Jehovah was there; therefore, as I live, the Lord Jehovah 11
hath said it, I will even do according to thine anger, and according to thine envy which thou hast used out of thy hatred against them; and I will make myself known among them, when I have judged thee. And thou shalt 12
know that I am Jehovah. I have heard all thy blasphemies which thou hast spoken against the mountains of Israel, saying, 'They are laid desolate, they are given to us 'to consume.' Thus with your mouth ye have boasted against 13

me, and have multiplied your words against me; I have
14 heard them. Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; When the
15 whole earth rejoiceth, I will make thee desolate. As thou didst rejoice at the inheritance of the house of Israel, because it was desolate, so will I do to thee. Thou shalt be desolate, O mount Seir, and all Edom, even all of it; and they shall know that I am Jehovah.

1 Also, thou son of Adam, prophesy to THE MOUNTAINS OF ISRAEL, and say, Ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of
2 Jehovah. Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; Because the enemy hath said against you, 'Aha, even the ancient high places
3 'are ours for a possession;' therefore prophesy, and say, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; Whereas and because they have made you desolate, and swallowed you up on every side, that ye might be a possession unto the residue of the Nations, and ye are taken up on the lips of talkers, and are
4 the scoff of the people; therefore, ye Mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord Jehovah; Thus saith the Lord Jehovah to the mountains, and to the hills, to the pools, and to the valleys, to the desolate wastes, and to the cities that are forsaken, which became a prey and a derision to
5 the residue of the nations that are round about; therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah; Surely in the fire of my jealousy have I spoken against the residue of the Nations, and against all Edom, who have appointed my land unto themselves for a possession with the joy of all their heart, with spite of soul, so as to drive it away as a prey.

6 Prophesy therefore concerning the land of Israel, and say to the mountains, and to the hills, to the pools, and to the valleys, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; Behold, I have spoken in my jealousy and in my wrath, because ye have
7 borne the reproach of the Nations. Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah; I have lifted up my hand [in oath], Surely the Nations that are about you, they shall bear their
8 own shame. But ye, O Mountains of Israel, ye shall shoot forth your branches, and yield your fruit to my people of
9 Israel; for they are at hand to come. For, behold, I am for you, and I will turn to you, and ye shall be tilled and
10 sown. And I will multiply men upon you, all the house of Israel, even all of it; and the cities shall be inhabited,
11 and the wastes shall be builded up. And I will multiply upon you man and cattle; and they shall increase and bring

fruit; and I will make you to be inhabited after your old state, and will do better unto you than at your beginnings; and ye shall know that I am Jehovah. Yea, I will cause 12
men to walk upon you, even my people Israel; and they shall possess thee, and thou shalt be their inheritance, and thou shalt no more henceforth leave them childless.

Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; Because they say to you, 13
'Thou land devourest men, and hast left thy nations child-
'less;' therefore thou shalt devour men no more, neither 14
shalt thou leave thy nations childless any more; the Lord Jehovah hath said it. Neither will I cause men to hear in 15
thee the reproach of the Nations any more, neither shalt thou bear the rebuke of the people any more, neither shalt thou cause thy nations to fall any more; the Lord Jehovah hath said it.

AND THE WORD OF JEHOVAH came to me, saying, Son of 16
Adam, when the house of Israel dwelt in their own land, 17
they defiled it in their way and in their doings; their way was before me as the uncleanness of a removed woman. Therefore I poured my wrath upon them for the blood that 18
they had poured out upon the land, and for their filthy idols wherewith they had polluted it. And I scattered 19
them among the Nations, and they were dispersed through the countries; according to their way and according to their doings I judged them. And when they entered unto the 20
nations, whither they went, they profaned my holy name, when they said of them, These are the people of Jehovah, and are gone forth out of his land.

But I had pity upon my holy name, which the house of 21
Israel had profaned among the nations, whither they went. Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord 22
Jehovah; I do this not for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for my holy name's sake, which ye have profaned among the nations, whither ye went. And I will sanctify my great 23
name, which was profaned among the Nations, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the Nations shall know that I am Jehovah, (the Lord Jehovah hath said it,) when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes. For 24
I will take you from among the Nations, and gather you in from all the countries, and will bring you into your own land. Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye 25
shall be clean; from all your filthiness, and from all your

26 filthy idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I
give you, and a new spirit will I put within you. And I
will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I
27 will give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit
within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye
28 shall keep my judgments, and do them. And ye shall
dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall
29 be my people, and I will be your God. I will also save
you from all your uncleannesses. And I will call for the
corn, and will increase it, and will lay no famine upon you.
30 And I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase
of the field, so that ye shall receive no more reproach of
31 famine among the Nations. Then shall ye remember your
own evil ways, and your doings that were not good, and
shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities
32 and for your abominations. Not for your sakes do I this,
(the Lord Jehovah hath said it,) be it known to you. Be
ye ashamed and confounded for your own ways, O house
of Israel.

33 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; In the day that I cleanse
you from all your iniquities I will also cause your cities to
34 be inhabited, and the wastes shall be builded up. And
the desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it lay desolate in
35 the sight of all that passed by. And they shall say, This
land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden;
and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are become
36 fenced, and are inhabited. Then the Nations that are left
round about you shall know that I Jehovah build up the
ruined places, and I plant what was desolate. I Jehovah
have spoken it, and I will do it.

37 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; I will yet for this be in-
quired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them. I will
38 increase them with men like a flock. As the flock of holy
animals, as the flock of Jerusalem in her solemn feasts; so
shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men; and they
shall know that I am Jehovah.

1 The hand of Jehovah was upon me, and carried me out
in the spirit of Jehovah, and set me down in the midst of
2 the valley; and it was full of bones. And he caused me
to pass among them round about. And, behold, there were
very many in the open valley; and, lo, they were very dry.
3 And he said to me, 'Son of Adam, can these bones live?'

And I answered, 'O Lord Jehovah, thou knowest.' Again 4
he said to me, 'Prophesy upon these bones, and say to
'them, O YE DRY BONES, hear the word of Jehovah. Thus 5
'saith the Lord Jehovah to these bones; Behold, I will
'cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live. And I 6
'will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon
'you, and cover you with skin, and put breath into you,
'and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am Jehovah.'
So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, 7
there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones
came together, bone to its bone. And when I looked, lo, 8
the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin
covered them above; but there was no breath in them.
Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to the wind, prophesy, son 9
'of Adam, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord Jeho-
'vah; Come from the four winds, O wind, and blow upon
'these slain, that they may live.' So I prophesied as he 10
commanded me, and the wind [or breath] came into them,
and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding
great army.

Then he said to me, Son of Adam, these bones are the 11
whole house of Israel; behold, they say, 'Our bones are
'dried, and our hope is lost. As for us, we are cut off.'
Therefore prophesy thou, and say to them, Thus saith the 12
Lord Jehovah; Behold, O my people, I will open your
graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and
I will bring you into the land of Israel. And ye shall know 13
that I am Jehovah, when I have opened your graves, O my
people, and brought you up out of your graves, and I will 14
put my breath into you, and ye shall live, and I will place
you in your own land. Then shall ye know that I Jeho-
vah have spoken it, and have performed it; Jehovah hath
said it.

THE WORD OF JEHOVAH came again to me, saying, More- 15
over, thou son of Adam, take thee one stick, and write upon 16
it, 'For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions.'
Then take another stick, and write upon it, 'For Joseph,
'the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel his
'companions.' And join them one to another into one stick; 17
and they shall become one in thy hand. And when the 18
children of thy people shall speak to thee, saying, 'Wilt
'thou not shew us what thou meanest by these?' say to them, 19

Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the sceptres of Israel his companions, and will put them with it, even with the stick of Judah, and make them to be one
20 stick, and they shall be one in my hand. And the sticks whereon thou writest shall be in thy hand before their eyes.
21 And say to them, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the Nations, whither they are gone, and will gather them together on
22 every side, and bring them into their own land. And I will make them to be one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king of them all. And they shall be no more two nations, neither shall
23 they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all. Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their filthy idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions. But I will save them out of all their dwelling-places, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them; so shall they be my people, and I will be their God.
24 And David my servant shall be king over them; and they shall all have one shepherd. They shall also walk in my judgments, and shall observe my statutes, and do them.
25 And they shall dwell in the land that I gave to Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children's children for ever; and my servant David shall be
26 their prince for ever. Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them. And I will place them, and multiply them, and will
27 set my Sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore. My
28 Tabernacle also shall be with them; yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And the Nations shall know that I Jehovah do sanctify Israel, when my Sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore.

1 And the word of Jehovah came to me, saying, Son of
2 Adam, set thy face AGAINST GOG of the land of Magog [or Scythia], the prince of Rosh [or the Russians], Meshech [or the Muscovites], and Tubal [or the Tibareni], and pro-
3 phesy against him, and say, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, prince of Rosh, Meshech,
4 and Tubal. And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into

thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed most gorgeously, even a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords; Persia, Ethiopia, and Phut [or Africa] with them; all of them with shield and helmet; Gomer [or the Cimmerians], and all his armies; the house of Togarmah [or Armenia] of the north quarters, and all his armies; and many peoples with thee. Be thou prepared, and prepare thyself, thou, and all thy company that are assembled unto thee, and be thou a guard to them. After many days thou shalt be visited; in the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many peoples, against the mountains of Israel, which have been a long time waste. But it hath been brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell as if in safety all of them. Thou shalt ascend and come like a storm, thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, thou, and all thine armies, and many peoples with thee.

Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; It shall also come to pass 1
in that day, that things shall come into thy mind, [O Gog,] 1
and thou shalt purpose an evil purpose; and thou shalt 1
say, 'I will go up to the land of villages; I will go to them
'that are at rest, that dwell as if safely, all of them dwelling
'without walls, and having neither bars nor doors, to seize 1
'plunder, and to take prey;' to turn thy hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and upon the people that have been gathered out of the Nations, who have got cattle and goods, who dwell in the very middle spot of the earth [or Jerusalem]. Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants 13
of Tarshish, with all their young lions, shall say to thee,
'Art thou come to seize plunder? Hast thou gathered thy
'company to take prey? to carry away silver and gold, to
'take away cattle and goods,' to seize great plunder?'

Therefore, son of Adam, prophesy and say to Gog, Thus 14
saith the Lord Jehovah; In that day when my people of Israel dwelleth as if in safety, shalt thou not know it? And thou shalt come from thy place out of the depths of 15
the north, thou, and many people with thee, all of them riding on horses, a great company, and a mighty army; and 16
thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter days, and I will bring thee against my land, so that the Nations may know

me, when I shall be sanctified by means of thee, O Gog, before their eyes.

17 (Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; Art thou he [Nebuchadnezzar] of whom I have spoken in old time by the hand of my servants the prophets of Israel, who prophesied in those days of the years that I would bring thee against them?)

18 And it shall come to pass in that day, in the day when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, the Lord Jehovah

19 hath said it, that my wrath shall come up in my face. For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the

20 land of Israel; so that the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the heavens, and the wild beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the men that are upon the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.

21 And I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains, the Lord Jehovah hath said it; every man's

22 sword shall be against his brother. And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his armies, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire,

23 and brimstone. Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am Jehovah.

1 Therefore, thou son of Adam, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; Behold, I am against

2 thee, O Gog, prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal; and I will turn thee, and lead thee about, and will cause thee to come up from the depths of the north, and will bring thee

3 upon the mountains of Israel. But I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand, and I will cause thine arrows to fall

4 out of thy right hand. Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thine armies, and the people that are with thee. I will give thee to the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the wild beasts of the field to be devoured.

5 Thou shalt fall upon the face of the field; for I have spoken,

6 the Lord Jehovah hath said it. And I will send a fire on Magog, and on them that dwell as if in safety in the isles;

7 and they shall know that I am Jehovah. So will I make my holy name to be known in the midst of my people

Israel; and I will not let them pollute my holy name any more. And the Nations shall know that I am Jehovah, the Holy One in Israel.

Behold, it is come, and it is done, the Lord Jehovah hath said it; this is the day whereof I have spoken. And they that dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth, and shall burn and make fires of the weapons, both the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the handstaves, and the spears, and they shall make fires of them for seven years; so that they shall take no wood out of the field, 10
neither shall they cut down any out of the forests; for of the weapons they shall make their fires; and they shall plunder those that plundered them, and make a prey of those that made a prey of them; the Lord Jehovah hath said it.

And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will give 11
unto Gog a burial-place there in Israel, the Valley of the Passengers on the east of the [Great] Sea; and it shall stop the [noses] of the passengers. And there shall they bury Gog and all his rabble. And they shall call it The Valley of Hamon-gog [or Gog's rabble]. And seven months shall 12
the house of Israel be burying of them, that they may cleanse the land. Yea, all the people of the land shall bury 13
them; and it shall be to them a renown on the day that I shall be glorified; the Lord Jehovah hath said it. And 14
they shall set apart men of continual employment, passing through the land to bury with the passengers those that remain upon the face of the land, to cleanse it. After the end of seven months shall they be yet searching. And 15
the passengers that pass through the land, when any one seeth a man's bone, then shall he set up a way-mark [or burial-stone] by it, till the buriers have buried it in the valley of Hamon-gog. And also the name of the city shall 16
be Hamonah [or Rabble]. Thus shall they cleanse the land.

And, thou son of Adam, thus saith the Lord Jehovah; 17
Say to the fowl of every kind, and to every wild beast of the field, Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to my sacrifice that I do sacrifice for you, even a great sacrifice upon the mountains of Israel, that ye may eat flesh, and drink blood. Ye shall eat the flesh of 18
the warriors, and drink the blood of the princes of the

earth, of rams, of lambs, and of goats, of bullocks, all of
19 them fatlings of Bashan. And ye shall eat fat till ye be
full, and drink blood till ye be drunken, of my sacrifice
20 which I have sacrificed for you. Thus ye shall be filled
at my table with horses and chariots, with mighty men,
and with all men of war; the Lord Jehovah hath said it.
21 And I will set my glory among the Nations, and all the
Nations shall see my judgment that I have executed, and
22 my hand that I have laid upon them. So the house of
Israel shall know that I am Jehovah their God from that
23 day and forward. And the Nations shall know that the
house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity; be-
cause they trespassed against me, therefore hid I my face
from them, and gave them into the hand of their enemies;
24 so they all fell by the sword. According to their un-
cleanness and according to their transgressions have I done
to them, and have hidden my face from them.
25 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah. Now will I
bring home the captivity of Jacob, and have mercy on the
whole house of Israel, and I will be jealous for my holy
26 name. And they shall forget their shame, and all their
trespasses wherein they have trespassed against me, when
they dwelt safely in their land; and none shall make them
27 afraid. When I have brought them again from the people,
and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and when I
am sanctified among them in the sight of many nations;
28 then shall they know that I am Jehovah their God, in that
I caused them to be led into captivity among the Nations;
but I have gathered them unto their own land, and have
29 left none of them any more there. Neither will I hide
my face any more from them. For I have poured out my
spirit upon the house of Israel; the Lord Jehovah hath
said it.

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1 In the five and twentieth year of our captivity [B.C.
576], in the beginning of the year, on the tenth day of the
month, in the fourteenth year after that the city was
smitten, in the selfsame day the hand of Jehovah was upon
2 me, and he brought me thither. In visions of God he
brought me into the land of Israel, and set me upon a very
high mountain, upon which was as the frame of a city

toward the south. And he brought me thither, and, behold, there was a man, whose appearance was like the appearance of copper, with a line of flax in his hand, and a measuring reed; and he stood in the city gate. And the man said to me, 'Son of Adam, behold with thine eyes, 'and hear with thine ears, and set thy heart on all that 'I shall shew thee; for to the intent that I might shew 'them to thee art thou brought hither. Declare thou all 'that thou seest to the house of Israel.' And behold a wall on the outside of the House [or Temple] round about, and in the man's hand a measuring reed of six cubits long [or ten feet] by the cubit and a hand breadth. So he measured the breadth of the building, one reed [or ten feet]; and the height, one reed.

Then came he to the gate which looketh TOWARD THE EAST, and went up its stairs, and measured the threshold of the gate, which was one reed broad; and the other threshold [or the lintel], which was one reed broad. And every little chamber was one reed long, and one reed broad; and between the little chambers were five cubits; and the threshold of the gate joined to the porch of the gate inward was one reed. He measured also the porch of the gate inward, one reed. Then measured he the porch of the gate, eight cubits; and its columns, two cubits. And the porch of the gate was inward. And the little chambers of the eastern gate were three on this side, and three on that side. The three were of one measure; and the columns had one measure on this side and on that side. And he measured the breadth of the entrance of the gate, ten cubits; and the depth of the gate, thirteen cubits. The space also before the little chambers was one cubit on this side, and the space was one cubit on that side. And each little chamber was six cubits on this side, and six cubits on that side. He measured then the gate from the roof of one little chamber to the roof of another; the breadth was five and twenty cubits, door against door. He made also [a row of] columns of threescore cubits, even to the column of the court, round about the gate. And from the face of the Gate of the Entrance to the face of the porch of the Inner Gate were fifty cubits. And there were windows that could be closed to the little chambers, and to their columns within the

gate round about, and likewise to the cornices; and the windows were round about inward. And upon each column were palm leaves.

17 Then brought he me into the OUTER COURT, and, lo, there were chambers, and a pavement made for the court round about. Thirty chambers were upon the pavement.
18 And the pavement by the side of the gates over against the
19 depth of the gates was the Lower Pavement. Then he measured the breadth from the front of the Lower Gate to the front of the Inner Court without, a hundred cubits eastward and northward.

20 And the gate of the Outer Court that looked toward the
21 north, he measured its depth, and its breadth. And its little chambers were three on this side and three on that side; and its columns and its cornices were after the measure of the first gate. Its depth was fifty cubits, and its
22 breadth five and twenty cubits. And their windows, and their cornices, and their palm leaves, were after the measure of the gate that looketh toward the east. And they went up unto it by seven steps; and its cornices were before
23 them. And a gate of the Inner Court was over against the gate toward the north, and toward the east. And he measured from gate to gate a hundred cubits.

24 After that he brought me toward the south, and behold a gate toward the south; and he measured its columns and
25 its cornices according to these measures. And there were windows in it and in its cornices round about, like those windows. The depth was fifty cubits, and the breadth five
26 and twenty cubits. And there were seven steps to go up to it, and its cornices were before them. And it had palm leaves, one on this side, and another on that side, upon its columns.

27 And there was a gate in the INNER COURT toward the south. And he measured from gate to gate toward the
28 south a hundred cubits. And he brought me to the Inner Court by the south gate; and he measured the south gate
29 according to these measures. And its little chambers, and its columns, and its cornices, were according to these measures. And there were windows in it and in its cornices round about. It was fifty cubits deep, and five and twenty
30 cubits broad. And the cornices round about were five and
31 twenty cubits long, and five cubits broad. And its cor-

nices were toward the Outer Court; and palm leaves were upon its columns. And the going up to it had eight steps.

And he brought me into the Inner Court toward the 32
east; and he measured the gate according to these measures. And its little chambers, and its columns, and its cornices, 33
were according to these measures; and there were windows to it and to its cornices round about. It was fifty cubits long, and five and twenty cubits broad. And its cor- 34
nices were toward the Outer Court; and palm leaves were upon its columns, on this side, and on that side. And the going up to it had eight steps.

And he brought me to the NORTH GATE, and measured 35
it according to these measures; its little chambers, its co- 36
lumns, and its cornices, and the windows to it round about. The depth was fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits. And its columns were toward the Outer Court; 37
and palm leaves were upon its columns, on this side, and on that side. And the going up to it had eight steps. And 38
the chambers and the entrances thereof were by the columns of the gates, where they washed the burnt offering. And 39
in the Porch of the Gate were two tables on this side, and two tables on that side, to slay thereon the burnt offering and the sin offering and the guilt offering. And at the 40
side without, as one goeth up to the entrance of the North Gate, were two tables; and on the other side, which was at the Porch of the gate, were two tables. Four tables were 41
on this side, and four tables on that side, by the side of the gate; eight tables, whereupon they slew [the sacrifices]. And the four tables were of hewn stone for the burnt 42
offering, of a cubit and a half long, and a cubit and a half broad, and one cubit high; whereupon also they laid the instruments wherewith they slew the burnt offering and the sacrifice. And within were cattle-fastenings, a hand- 43
breadth broad, fixed in the building round about; and upon the tables was the flesh of the offering.

And on the outside of the Inner Gate were the chambers 44
of the singers in the Inner Court; one of which was at the side of the North Gate, and their prospect was toward the south; one at the side of the east gate having the prospect toward the north. And he said to me, 'This chamber, 45
'whose prospect is toward the south, is for the priests, the 'keepers of the charge of the House. And the chamber 46

'whose prospect is toward the north is for the priests, the
'keepers of the charge of the Altar. These are the sons of
'Zadok among the sons of Levi, who come near to Jehovah
17 'to minister to him.' So he measured the court, a hundred cubits long, and a hundred cubits broad, foursquare; and the Altar was before the House.

18 Then he brought me to the PORCH OF THE HOUSE, and measured each column of the Porch, five cubits on this side, and five cubits on that side. And the breadth of the gate was three cubits on this side, and three cubits on that side.
19 The depth of the porch was twenty cubits, and the breadth eleven cubits, even at the steps whereby men go up to it. And there were pillars by the columns, one on this side, and another on that side.

1 And he brought me to the GREAT HALL, and measured the columns, six cubits broad on the one side, and six cubits broad on the other side, which was the breadth of
2 the Tent. And the breadth of the doorway was ten cubits; and the sides of the doorway were five cubits on the one side, and five cubits on the other side. And he measured the length thereof, forty cubits; and the breadth, twenty cubits.

3 Then went he into the INNER ROOM, and measured the column of the doorway, two cubits; and the doorway six
4 cubits; and the breadth of the doorway, seven cubits. Then he measured the length of [the Inner Room], twenty cubits; and the breadth, twenty cubits, in front of the Great Hall. And he said to me, 'This is the Holy of Holies.'

5 Afterward he measured the wall of the House, six cubits; and the breadth of the TIERS OF CHAMBERS, four cubits,
6 round about the House. And the Tiers of Chambers were three, one over another, and there were thirty in each; and they entered into a wall which was against the House for the Tiers of Chambers round about, that they might have hold,
7 but they had not hold in the wall of the House. The Tiers of Chambers were broader and were changed from story to story according to the circuit of the House, from story to story round about the House, according to the breadth of the House on each story, and so they increased from the lowest tier to the highest towards the middle [of the House].
8 I saw also the height of the House round about; the foundations of the Tiers of Chambers were a full reed of six

great cubits. The thickness of the wall, which was for the 6
Tier of Chambers outside, was five cubits; and the space
which was left was between the House and the Tier of
Chambers, that were towards the House. And between the 10
chambers was a space of twenty cubits round about the
House. And the entrance to the Tiers of Chambers was 11
by the space that was left, one entrance toward the north,
and another entrance toward the south. And the breadth
of the place that was left was five cubits round about.

Now the BUILDING that was before the Separate Place 12
at the side toward the west was seventy cubits broad; and
the wall of the Building was five cubits thick round about,
and the length thereof ninety cubits.

So he measured the House, a hundred cubits long; and 13
the Separate Place, and the Building, with its walls, each
a hundred cubits long; also the breadth of the Face of the 14
House, and of the Separate Place toward the east, a hun-
dred cubits. And he measured the length of the BUILDING 15
over against the Separate Place which was behind it, and
its Galleries on the one side and on the other side, each a
hundred cubits.

And the Great Hall, the Inner Room [or Sanctuary], and
the porches of the court, the lintels, and the windows 16
which could be closed, and the Galleries round about on
their three stories, over against the lintel, were panelled
with wood round about, and from the ground up to the
windows, and the windows were covered, on the part above 17
the doorway, and unto the Inner Room, and the Outer; and
on all the wall round about in the Inner Room and the
Outer were hangings. And it was made with cherubs and 18
palm trees, so that a palm tree was between a cherub and
a cherub; and every cherub had two faces; so that the 19
face of a man was toward the palm tree on the one side, and
the face of a young lion toward the palm tree on the other
side; thus it was made through all the House round about.
From the ground unto above the doorway were the cherubs 20
and palm trees made, and they were on the wall of the
Great Hall. The door-posts of the Great Hall were squared, 21
as were those of the face of the Sanctuary; the appearance
of the one as the appearance of the other.

The altar of wood was three cubits high, and its length 22
two cubits; and its corners, and its length, and its walls,

were of wood; and he said to me, 'This is THE TABLE that
'is in the presence of Jehovah.'
3 And the Great Hall and the Sanctuary had two doors.
4 And the doors had two leaves each, two turning leaves;
two leaves for the one door, and two leaves for the other.
5 And there were made on them, on the doors of the Great
Hall, cherubs and palm trees, like as were made upon the
walls; and there was a thick beam of wood over the face
6 of the Porch without. And there were windows that could
be closed and palm trees on the one side and on the other
side, on the sides of the Porch, and on the Tiers of Cham-
bers of the House, and on the thick beams.
1 Then he brought me forth into the Outer court, by the
way toward the north; and he brought me into the chamber
that was over against the Separate Place, and which was
2 before the BUILDING TOWARD THE NORTH. In front of the
length of a hundred cubits was the north doorway, and
3 the breadth was fifty cubits. Over against the twenty
cubits which were for the Inner Court, and over against
the pavement which was for the Outer Court, was gallery
4 facing gallery in three stories. And before the chambers
was a walk of ten cubits breadth inward, a foot-way of one
5 cubit; and their doorways were toward the north. Now
the upper chambers were shorter (for the galleries took
space from them) than the lower, and than the middlemost
6 of the Building. For they were in three stories, but had
not pillars as the pillars of the courts. Therefore they
were narrowed more than the lowest and the middlemost
7 from the ground. And the wall that was on the outside
over against the chambers, toward the Outer Court in front
8 of the chambers, its length was fifty cubits. For the length
of the chambers that were in the Outer Court was fifty
9 cubits; but those before the Great Hall were a hundred
cubits. And from under these chambers was the entrance
on the east side, as one goeth into them from the Outer
Court.
10 There were chambers in the thickness of the wall of the
Court toward the east, over against the Separate Place, and
11 over against the Building; and a way was before them.
They were like the appearance of the chambers which were
toward the north, as long as they, and as broad as they; and
all their goings out were both according to the fashions of

those, and according to their doorways. And according to 1
the doorways of the chambers that were toward the south
was a doorway in the head of the way, even the way before
the wall directly toward the east, as one entereth into
them.

Then said he to me, 'The north chambers and the south 1
'chambers, which are before the Separate Place, they are
'holy chambers, where the priests that approach unto Jeho-
'vah shall eat the most holy things; there shall they lay
'the most holy things, and the meal offering, and the sin
'offering, and the guilt offering; for the place is holy.
'When the priests enter in, then shall they not go out of 1
'the Holy Place into the Outer Court, but there shall they
'lay their garments wherein they minister; for they are
'holy; and they shall put on other garments, when they
'approach to those places which are for the people.'

Now when he had made an end of measuring the inner 1
house, he brought me out toward the gate whose prospect
is toward the east, and measured [THE HOLY PLACE] round
about. He measured the east side with the measuring 1
reed, five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed round
about. He measured the north side, five hundred reeds, 1
with the measuring reed round about. He measured the 1
south side, five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed.
He turned about to the west side, and measured five hun- 1
dred reeds with the measuring reed. He measured it on 2
the four sides. It had a wall round about, on its length
five hundred, and on its breadth five hundred, to make a
separation between the Holy Place and the unholy.

Then he brought me to the gate, even the gate that 1
looketh toward the east; and, behold, the glory of the God 1
of Israel came from the way of the east; and his voice was
like a noise of many waters; and the earth shined with his
glory. And the appearance of the vision which I saw was 3
according to the vision that I saw when I came about the
destruction of the city; and the visions were like the vision
that I saw by the river Chebar. And I fell upon my face.
And the glory of Jehovah came into the House by the way 4
of the gate whose prospect is toward the east.

So the spirit took me up, and brought me into the Inner 5
Court; and, behold, the glory of Jehovah filled the House.
And I heard one speaking to me out of the House; and 6

7 the man stood near to me. And he said unto me, 'Son of
'Adam, this is the place of my throne, and the place of the
'soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the chil-
'dren of Israel for ever; and my holy name, shall the house
'of Israel no more defile, neither they, nor their kings, by
'their fornication, nor by the carcases of their kings, by
8 'their death. In their setting of their threshold by my
'thresholds, and their door-post by the side of my door-
'posts, (and there is a wall between me and them,) they
'even defiled my holy Name by their abominations that
'they have committed. Therefore I consumed them in mine
9 'anger. Now let them put away their fornication, and the
'carcases of their kings, far from me, and I will dwell in
'the midst of them for ever.

10 'Thou son of Adam, shew the House to the house of
'Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities; and
11 'let them measure the pattern. And if they be ashamed
'of all that they have done, shew them the form of the
'House, and its pattern, and its goings out, and its comings
'in, and all its forms, and all its ordinances, and all its
'forms, and all its laws; and write it in their sight, that they
'may keep the whole form thereof, and all its ordinances,
'and do them.

12 'This is the LAW OF THE HOUSE; Upon the top of the
'mountain the whole limit thereof round about shall be
'most holy. Behold, this is the Law of the House.

13 'And these are the MEASURES OF THE ALTAR after the
'cubits; (the cubit is a cubit and a hand breadth;) and the
'Hollow [or trench] shall be a cubit [deep], and a cubit
'broad, and the border thereof by its edge round about
'shall be a span. And this shall be the ditch of the altar.
14 'And from the Hollow upon the ground, to the lower plat-
'form shall be two cubits. And the breadth shall be one
'cubit. And from the lesser platform to the greater plat-
15 'form shall be four cubits, and the breadth one cubit. And
'the Harel-platform [or Mount of God] shall be four cubits.
'And from the Ariel-altar [or Hearth of God] and upward
16 'shall be four horns. And the Ariel-altar shall be twelve
17 'cubits long, twelve broad, square in its four sides. And
'the platform shall be fourteen cubits long and fourteen
'broad in its four sides; and the border round about it shall

'be half a cubit; and its Hollow shall be a cubit round
'about; and its steps shall look toward the east.'

And he said to me, 'Son of Adam, thus saith the Lord 18
'Jehovah; These are the ORDINANCES OF THE ALTAR in the
'day when they shall make it, to offer burnt offerings there-
'on, and to sprinkle blood thereon. And thou shalt give 19
'to the priests the Levites that are of the seed of Zadok,
'who approach to me, to minister to me, (the Lord Jehovah
'hath said it,) a young bullock for a sin offering. And thou 20
'shalt take some of its blood, and put it on the four horns
'of it, and on the four corners of the platform, and upon
'the border round about; thus shalt thou cleanse it from
'sin, and shalt make atonement for it. Thou shalt take 21
'the bullock also of the sin offering, and he shall burn it
'in the appointed place of the House, outside the Sanctuary.
'And on the second day thou shalt bring a kid of the goats 22
'without blemish for a sin offering; and they shall cleanse
'the altar from sin, as they did cleanse it with the bullock.
'When thou hast made an end of cleansing it from sin, 23
'thou shalt bring a young bullock without blemish, and a
'ram out of the flock without blemish. And thou shalt 24
'bring them before Jehovah, and the priests shall cast salt
'upon them, and they shall offer them for a burnt offering
'to Jehovah. Seven days shalt thou offer every day a goat 25
'for a sin offering; they shall also offer a young bullock,
'and a ram out of the flock, without blemish. During seven 26
'days shall they make atonement for the Altar and purify
'it, and fill their hands [with offerings]. And when these 27
'days are expired, it shall be, that upon the eighth day,
'and so forward, the priests shall make your burnt offerings
'upon the altar, and your peace offerings; and I will accept
'you; the Lord Jehovah hath said it.'

Then he brought me back the way of the gate of the 1
Outer Sanctuary which looketh toward the east; and it
was shut. Then said Jehovah to me; 'This gate shall be 2
'shut, it shall not be opened, and no man shall enter in by
'it; because Jehovah, the God of Israel, hath entered in
'by it, therefore it shall be shut. It is for the Prince; 3
'the Prince, he shall return through it to eat bread before
'Jehovah. He shall enter by the way of the porch of that
'gate, and shall go out by the way of the same.'

4 Then he brought me the way of the north gate in front
of the House. And I looked, and, behold, the glory of
Jehovah filled the House of Jehovah; and I fell upon my
5 face. And Jehovah said to me, 'Son of Adam, mark well,
'and behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears all
'that I say to thee concerning all the ordinances of the
'House of Jehovah, and all its laws; and mark well the
'entrance of the House, with every going forth of the Sanc-
6 'tuary. And thou shalt say to the rebellious people, even
'to the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; O
'ye house of Israel, let it suffice you of all your abomin-
7 'ations, in that ye have brought sons of foreigners, uncir-
'cumcised in heart, and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in my
'Sanctuary, to pollute it, even my House, when ye bring
'my bread, the fat and the blood, and they have broken
8 'my covenant because of all your abominations. And ye
'have not kept the charge of my holy things; but ye have
'set keepers of my charge in my Sanctuary for yourselves.'
9 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; 'No son of a foreigner,
'uncircumcised in heart, nor uncircumcised in flesh, shall
'enter into my Sanctuary, of any son of a foreigner that is
0 'among the children of Israel. And the LEVITES WHO WENT
'AWAY far from me, when Israel went astray, who went
'astray from me after their filthy idols; even they shall
1 'bear their iniquity. Yet they shall be ministers in my
'Sanctuary, having charge at the gates of the House, and
'ministering to the House. They shall slay the burnt
'offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall
2 'stand before them to minister for them. Because they
'ministered for them before their filthy idols, and were a
'stumbling-block to the house of Israel unto iniquity;
'therefore have I lifted up my hand [in oath] against them,
'the Lord Jehovah hath said it, and they shall bear their
3 'iniquity; and they shall not come near to me, to do the
'office of a priest to me, nor to come near to any of my
'holy things, in the Holy of Holies; but they shall bear
'their shame, and their abominations which they have com-
14 'mitted. But I will make them keepers of the charge of
'the House, for all the service thereof, and for all that shall
'be done therein.
15 'But THE PRIESTS the Levites, the sons of Zadok, that
'kept the charge of my Sanctuary when the children of

'Israel went astray from me, they shall come near to me
'to minister to me, and they shall stand in my presence to
'bring to me the fat and the blood; the Lord Jehovah hath
'said it. They shall enter into my Sanctuary, and they 16
'shall come near to my Table, to minister to me, and they
'shall keep my charge. And it shall come to pass, that 17
'when they enter in at the gates of the Inner Court, they
'shall be clothed with linen garments; and no wool shall
'come upon them, while they minister at the gates of the
'Inner Court, and within. They shall have linen head- 18
'dresses upon their heads, and shall have linen breeches
'upon their loins; they shall not gird themselves with any
'thing that causeth sweat. And when they go forth into 19
'the Outer Court, even into the Outer Court to the people,
'they shall put off their garments wherein they ministered,
'and lay them in the holy chambers, and they shall put on
'other garments; and they shall not sanctify the people
'with their garments.

'And they shall not shave their heads, nor suffer their 20
'locks to grow long; they shall only poll their heads.
'Neither shall any priest drink wine, when they enter into 21
'the Inner Court. Neither shall they take for their wives 22
'a widow, nor her that is put away; but they shall take
'maidens of the seed of the house of Israel, or a widow that
'was the widow of a priest. And they shall teach my 23
'people the difference between the holy and the unholy,
'and cause them to discern between the unclean and the
'clean. And in controversy they shall stand to judge; and 24
'they shall judge it according to my judgments; and they
'shall keep my laws and my statutes in all my synagogues;
'and they shall keep holy my sabbaths. And they shall 25
'come near no dead person to defile themselves; but for
'father, or for mother, or for son, or for daughter, for
'brother, or for sister that hath had no husband, they may
'defile themselves. And after he is cleansed, they shall 26
'reckon unto him seven days. And in the day that he 27
'goeth into the Holy Place, unto the Inner Court, to
'minister in holy things, he shall bring his sin offering; the
'Lord Jehovah hath said it. And it shall be to them for 28
'an inheritance; I am their inheritance. And ye shall give
'them no possession in Israel; I am their possession. They 29
'shall eat the meal offering, and the sin offering, and the

'guilt offering; and every devoted thing in Israel shall be
30 'theirs. And all the first of all the firstfruits, and of every
'heave offering, all out of every sort of your heave offerings,
'shall be the priest's. Ye shall also give to the priest the
'first of your dough, that he may cause a blessing to rest
31 'on thy house. The priest shall not eat of any thing that
'hath died of itself, or been torn in pieces, whether it be
'fowl or beast.

1 'And when ye shall divide by lot the Land for inherit-
'ance, ye shall offer as a Heave Offering to Jehovah, a
'HOLY PORTION OF LAND. The length shall be the length
'of five and twenty thousand [reeds, or 37 miles], and the
'breadth shall be ten thousand. This shall be holy in all
2 'its borders round about. Of this there shall be for the
'Holy Place five hundred by five hundred, square round
3 'about; and fifty cubits of waste space round about it. And
'by this measure shalt thou measure the length of the five
'and twenty thousand, and the breadth of the ten thou-
'sand; and in it shall be the Sanctuary, the Holy of Holies.
4 'This holy portion of the land shall be for THE PRIESTS the
'ministers of the Sanctuary, who come near to minister
'to Jehovah; and it shall be a place for their houses, and
'a holy place for the Sanctuary.

5 'And five and twenty thousand of length, and ten thou-
'sand of breadth, shall also THE LEVITES, the ministers of
'the House, have for themselves for a possession, for twenty
'chambers.

6 'And ye shall appoint a possession for THE CITY five
'thousand broad, and five and twenty thousand long, over
'against the holy Heave Offering. It shall be for the whole
'house of Israel.

7 'And a portion shall be for THE PRINCE on the one side
'and on the other side of the holy Heave Offering, and of
'the possession for the city, in front of the holy heave
'offering, and in front of the possession for the city, from
'the west side westward, and from the east side eastward;
'and the length shall be over against one of the portions,
8 'from the west boundary unto the east boundary. In the
'land shall be his possession in Israel. And my princes
'shall no more oppress my people; and [the rest of] the
'land shall they give to the house of Israel according to
'their tribes.'

Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; 'Let this suffice you, O
'princes of Israel. Remove violence and robbery, and exe-
'cute judgment and justice, take away your expulsions
'from my people; the Lord Jehovah hath said it. Ye shall 1
'have just balances, and a just Ephah, and a just Bath.
'The Ephah and the Bath shall be of one measure, so that 1
'the Bath may contain the tenth part of a Homer, and the
'Ephah the tenth part of a Homer. The measure thereof
'shall be after the Homer [of 75 gallons]. And the Shekel 1
'shall be twenty Gerahs. Twenty Shekels, five and twenty
'Shekels, fifteen Shekels [or 60 Shekels], shall be your
'Minah [of 30 ounces].

'This is the heave offering that ye shall offer; the sixth 1
'part of an Ephah out of every Homer of wheat, and ye
'shall give the sixth part of an Ephah out of every Homer
'of barley; concerning the ordinance of oil, the Bath of 1
'oil, ye shall offer the tenth part of a Bath out of every
'Cor of ten Baths, which is a Homer; for ten Baths are
'a Homer; and one lamb or kid out of the flock, out of 1
'every two hundred, out of the meadow land of Israel; for
'a meal offering, and for a burnt offering, and for peace
'offerings, to make atonement for them; the Lord Jehovah
'hath said it. All the people of the land shall give this 1
'heave offering for the Prince in Israel. And it shall be 1
'the Prince's part to give burnt offerings, and meal offer-
'ings, and drink offerings, in the feasts, and in the new
'moons, and in the sabbaths, in all appointed times of the
'house of Israel. He shall give the sin offering, and the
'meal offering, and the burnt offering, and the peace offer-
'ings, to make atonement for the house of Israel.'

Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; 'In the first month, on 1
'the first day of the month, thou shalt take a young bul-
'lock without blemish, in order to cleanse the Sanctuary
'from sin; and the priest shall take some of the blood of 1
'the sin offering, and put it upon the door-posts of the
'House, and upon the four corners of the platform of the
'Altar, and upon the door-posts of the gate of the Inner
'Court. And so thou shalt do on the seventh day of the 2
'month for every one that sinneth in ignorance, and for
'him that hath been enticed. So shall ye make atonement
'for the House. In the first month, on the fourteenth day 2
'of the month, ye shall have THE PASSOVER, a feast of seven

22 'days; unleavened bread shall be eaten. And upon that
'day shall the Prince give for himself and for all the people
23 'of the land a bullock for a sin offering. And during seven
'days of the feast he shall give a burnt offering to Jehovah,
'seven bullocks and seven rams without blemish daily the
'seven days; and a kid of the goats daily for a sin offering.
24 'And he shall give a meal offering of an Ephah [or bushel]
'for each bullock, and an Ephah for each ram, and a Hin
'[or ten pints] of oil for each Ephah.
25 'In the seventh month, on the fifteenth day of the month,
'at THE FEAST [of Tabernacles] shall he do the like for seven
'days, as to the sin offering, as to the burnt offering, and
'as to the meal offering, and as to the oil.'

1 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; 'The gate of the Inner
'Court that looketh toward the east shall be shut during
'the six working days; but on the day of the sabbath it
'shall be opened, and on the day of the new moon it shall
2 'be opened. And the Prince shall enter by the way of the
'porch of that gate from without, and shall stand by the door-
'post of the gate, and the priests shall offer his burnt offer-
'ing and his peace offerings, and he shall worship at the
'threshold of the gate. Then he shall go out; but the
3 'gate shall not be shut until the evening. Likewise the
'people of the land shall worship at the entrance of this
'gate before Jehovah on the sabbaths and on the new
4 'moons. And the burnt offering that the Prince shall
'bring to Jehovah on the sabbath day shall be six lambs
5 'without blemish, and a ram without blemish. And the
'meal offering shall be an Ephah for each ram, and the
'meal offering for the lambs as his hand can give, and a
6 'Hin of oil to each Ephah. And on the day of the new
'moon it shall be a young bullock without blemish, and six
7 'lambs, and a ram; they shall be without blemish. And
'he shall give as a meal offering, an Ephah for the bullock,
'and an Ephah for the ram, and for the lambs according
'as his hand shall attain to, and a Hin of oil to each Ephah.
8 'And when the Prince shall enter, he shall go in by the
'way of the porch of that gate, and he shall go forth by
'the way thereof.
9 'And when the people of the land shall come before
'Jehovah on the solemn days, he that entereth in by the
'way of the north gate to worship shall go out by the way

'of the south gate; and he that entereth in by the way of
'the south gate shall go out by the way of the north gate.
'He shall not return by the way of the gate whereby he
'came in, but shall go forth the opposite way. And the 10
'Prince shall be in the midst of them. When they go in,
'he shall go in; and when they go forth, he shall go forth.
'And in the feasts and on the solemn days the meal offer- 11
'ing shall be an Ephah to each bullock, and an Ephah to
'each ram, and to the lambs as his hand can give, and a
'Hin of oil to each Ephah. Now when the Prince shall 12
'bring a freewill burnt offering or freewill peace offerings
'to Jehovah, some one shall then open to him the gate that
'looketh toward the east, and he shall bring his burnt
'offering and his peace offerings, as he did on the sabbath
'day. Then he shall go forth, and after his going forth
'some one shall shut the gate.

'Thou shalt daily prepare a burnt offering unto Jehovah 13
'of a lamb of the first year without blemish; thou shalt
'prepare it every morning. And thou shalt prepare a meal 14
'offering for it every morning, the sixth part of an Ephah,
'and the third part of a Hin of oil, to moisten the fine flour;
'a meal offering unto Jehovah continually by a perpetual
'ordinance. Thus shall they prepare the lamb, and the 15
'meal offering, and the oil, every morning for a continual
'burnt offering.'

Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; 'If the Prince give a gift 16
'to any of his sons, the inheritance thereof shall be his
'sons'; it shall be their possession by inheritance. But if 17
'he give a gift out of his inheritance to one of his servants,
'then it shall be his until the year of liberty; afterwards it
'shall return to the Prince; his inheritance shall certainly
'be his sons' for them. Moreover the Prince shall not 18
'take any of the people's inheritance, to thrust them out of
'their possession; but he shall give his sons inheritance
'out of his own possession; so that my people be not scat-
'tered every man from his possession.'

And he brought me through the entrance, which was at 19
the side of the gate, into the holy chambers of the priests
which looked toward the north; and, behold, there was a
place at the back westward. Then said he to me, 'This is 20
'the place where the priests shall boil the guilt offering
'and the sin offering, where they shall bake the meal

'offering; that they bring them not out into the Outer
21 'Court, to sanctify the people.' Then he brought me forth
into the Outer Court, and caused me to pass by the four
corners of the court; and, behold, in every corner of the
22 court there was a court. In the four corners of the court
there were enclosed courts of forty [cubits] long and thirty
23 broad. These four corner-courts were of one measure. And
there was a [cooking] range round about in them, round
about them on their four sides; and it was made with
24 boiling places under the ranges round about. Then said
he unto me, 'These are the places of them that boil, where
'the ministers of the House shall boil the sacrifice of the
'people.'

1 Afterward he brought me back to the doorway of the
House; and, behold, waters issued out from under the
threshold of the House eastward; for the face of the House
stood toward the east, and the waters came down from
below, from the right side of the House, at the south side
2 of the Altar. Then brought he me out by the way of the
gate northward, and led me about by the way outside to
the outer gate by the way that looketh eastward; and, be-
3 hold, there ran out waters on the right side. And when
the man that had the line in his hand went forth eastward,
he measured a thousand cubits, and he brought me through
4 the waters; the waters were to the ancles. Again he mea-
sured a thousand, and brought me through the waters;
the waters were to the knees. Again he measured a thou-
sand, and brought me through waters, which were to the
5 loins. Afterward he measured a thousand; and it was a
river that I could not pass over. For the waters were
risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed
6 over. And he said unto me, 'Son of Adam, hast thou seen
'this?' Then he brought me, and caused me to return to
7 the bank of the river. Now when I had returned, behold,
at the bank of the river were very many trees on the one
8 side and on the other. Then said he unto me, 'These
'waters go forth eastward toward the Circle [of the Jordan],
'and they go down into the Barren Valley, and come into
'the [Dead] Sea; which having gone forth into the Sea,
9 'the waters thereof will be healed. And it shall come to
'pass, that every thing that liveth, which moveth, whither-
'soever the rivers shall come, shall live. And there shall be

'a very great multitude of fish, because these waters shall
'come thither; for they shall be healed; and every thing
'shall live whither the river cometh. And it shall come to
'pass, that the fishermen shall stand upon it [the Dead Sea]
'from Ain-gedi even unto Ain-eglaim. These shall be places
'to spread nets. Their fish shall be according to their kinds,
'as the fish of the Great Sea [or the Mediterranean], ex-
'ceeding many. But its miry places and its marshes shall
'not be healed; they shall be given up to the salt. And
'by the river shall come up upon its bank on this side and
'on that side, all trees for food. Their leaf shall not fade,
'neither shall their fruit be consumed; it shall bring forth
'new fruit according to its months, because their waters
'issued out of the Sanctuary. And its fruit shall be for
'food, and its leaf for medicine.'

Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; This shall be THE BOUNDARY, whereby ye shall inherit the land according to the twelve tribes of Israel. (Joseph shall have two portions.) And ye shall inherit it, one as well as another; concerning which I lifted up my hand [in oath] to give it to your fathers; and this land shall be divided by lot unto you for an inheritance. And this shall be the boundary of the land toward the north side, from the Great Sea, the way of Hethlon, as men go to Zedad, Hamath, Berothah [or Beyrout], Sibraim, which is between the boundary of [the land of] Damascus and the boundary of [the land of] Hamath; the Village of Hatticon, which is by the boundary of [the land of] Hauran. And the boundary from the Sea shall be the Village of Ainen, the boundary of Damascus, and the north northward, and the boundary of Hamath. And this is the north side. And the east side ye shall measure between Hauran with Damascus, and Gilead, with the land of Israel by the Jordan, as a boundary unto the East [or Dead] Sea. And this is the east side. And the south or right hand side, from Tamar even to the Waters of Meribah at Kadesh, to the Valley at the Great Sea. And this is the right hand or south side. The west side also shall be the Great Sea as a boundary, till over against the way to Hamath. This is the west side. And ye shall divide this land to you according to the tribes of Israel.

And it shall come to pass, that ye shall divide it by lot for an inheritance to you, and to the strangers that sojourn

among you, who shall beget children among you. And they shall be to you as born in the country among the children of Israel; they shall have inheritance divided unto
23 them by lot with you among the tribes of Israel. And it shall come to pass, that in what tribe the stranger sojourneth, there shall ye give him his inheritance; the Lord Jehovah hath said it.

1 NOW THESE ARE THE NAMES of the tribes. From the north end at the coast on the way of Hethlon, as one goeth to Hamath, the Village of Ainen, the boundary of Damascus northward, to the coast of Hamath; for these are its sides east and west; one portion for Dan.

2 And by the boundary of Dan, from the east side to the west side, one portion for Asher.

3 And by the boundary of Asher, from the east side even to the west side, one portion for Naphtali.

4 And by the boundary of Naphtali, from the east side to the west side, one portion for Manasseh.

5 And by the boundary of Manasseh, from the east side to the west side, one portion for Ephraim.

6 And by the boundary of Ephraim, from the east side even to the west side, one portion for Reuben.

7 And by the boundary of Reuben, from the east side to the west side, one portion for Judah.

8 And by the boundary of Judah, from the east side to the west side, shall be the HEAVE OFFERING [of land] which ye shall offer of five and twenty thousand [reeds, or 37 miles] in breadth, and in length as one of the other portions, from the east side to the west side; and the Sanctuary shall be in the midst of it.

9 The Heave Offering that ye shall offer to Jehovah shall be of five and twenty thousand in length, and of ten thou-
10 sand in breadth. Even for them, even for THE PRIESTS, shall be this holy Heave Offering; on the north five and twenty thousand, and on the west ten thousand in breadth, and on the east ten thousand in breadth, and on the south five and twenty thousand in length; and the Sanctuary of
11 Jehovah shall be in the midst thereof. This shall be for the Priests that are sanctified of the sons of Zadok; who have kept my charge, who went not astray when the chil-
12 dren of Israel went astray, as the Levites went astray. And

this Heave offering of land that is offered shall be to them a thing most holy by the boundary of the Levites.

And over against the boundary of the Priests, THE LEVITES 13
shall have five and twenty thousand in length, and ten thousand in breadth; all the length shall be five and twenty thousand, and the breadth ten thousand. And they shall 14
not sell any part of it, neither exchange, nor alienate the firstfruits of the land; for it is holy to Jehovah.

And the five thousand, that are left in the breadth over 15
against the five and twenty thousand, shall be as not holy for THE CITY, for dwelling, and for its waste space; and the city shall be in the midst thereof. And these shall be the 16
measures thereof; the north side four thousand and five hundred, and the south side four thousand and five hundred, and on the east side four thousand and five hundred, and the west side four thousand and five hundred. And 17
the waste space of the city shall be toward the north two hundred and fifty, and toward the south two hundred and fifty, and toward the east two hundred and fifty, and toward the west two hundred and fifty. And the residue in length 18
over against the holy Heave Offering shall be ten thousand eastward, and ten thousand westward; and it shall be over against the holy Heave Offering; and the increase thereof shall be for food for them that serve the city. And they 19
that serve the city shall serve it out of all the tribes of Israel.

The whole Heave Offering shall be five and twenty 20
thousand by five and twenty thousand; ye shall offer the holy Heave Offering foursquare, in addition to the City's possession.

And the residue shall be for THE PRINCE, on the one 21
side and on the other of the holy Heave Offering, and of the City's possession, over against the five and twenty thousand of the Heave Offering toward the east boundary, and westward over against the five and twenty thousand toward the west boundary. And over against the portions for the Prince shall be the holy Heave Offering; and the Sanctuary of the House shall be in the midst thereof. Thus 22
from out of the possession for the Levites, and from out of the possession for the City, (which are in the midst of that which is the Prince's,) between the boundary of

Judah and the boundary of Benjamin, shall be that for the Prince.

23 As for the rest of the tribes, from the east side to the west side, one portion for Benjamin.

24 And by the boundary of Benjamin, from the east side to the west side, one portion for Simeon.

25 And by the boundary of Simeon, from the east side to the west side, one portion for Issachar.

26 And by the boundary of Issachar, from the east side to the west side, one portion for Zebulun.

27 And by the boundary of Zebulun, from the east side to the west side, one portion for Gad.

28 And by the boundary of Gad, at the south or right hand side, the boundary shall be even from Tamar to the Waters of Meribah at Kadesh, and to the Valley toward the Great
29 Sea. This is the land which ye shall divide by lot to the tribes of Israel for inheritance, and these are their portions; the Lord Jehovah hath said it.

30 And these are the goings out of THE CITY; on the north
31 side, four thousand and five hundred measures. And the gates of the city shall be after the names of the tribes of Israel; three gates northward; one gate of Reuben, one
32 gate of Judah, one gate of Levi. And at the east side four thousand and five hundred; and three gates; even one gate
33 of Joseph, one gate of Benjamin, one gate of Dan. And at the south side four thousand and five hundred measures; and three gates; one gate of Simeon, one gate of Issachar,
34 one gate of Zebulun. At the west side four thousand and five hundred, with their three gates; one gate of Gad, one
35 gate of Asher, one gate of Naphtali. It was eighteen thousand measures round about. And the name of the city from that day shall be, 'Jehovah is there.'

THE BOOK OF DANIEL.

1 IN THE THIRD YEAR of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah [B.C. 608] came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon
2 to Jerusalem, and besieged it. And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with a part of the vessels of the House of God, which he carried into the land of

Shinar to the house of his own god; and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his own god.

And the king spake to Ashpenaz the chief of his chamberlains, that he should bring some of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the princes; children in whom was no blemish, but of good countenance, and skilful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and that he should teach them the writing and the tongue of the Chaldeans. And the king appointed to them a daily provision of the king's delicacies, and of the wine which he drank; so nourishing them for three years, that at the end thereof they might stand before the king. Now among these were some of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. And the prince of the chamberlains gave names to them; for he gave to Daniel the name of Belteshazzar; and to Hananiah, of Shadrach; and to Mishael, of Meshach; and to Azariah, of Abed-nego.

But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the prince of the chamberlains that he might not defile himself. Now God had brought Daniel into favour and tender love with the prince of the chamberlains. And the prince of the chamberlains said unto Daniel, 'I fear my lord the king, 'who hath appointed your food and your drink; for why 'should he see your faces worse looking than the children 'which are of your age? then shall ye endanger my head 'to the king.' Then said Daniel to the steward, whom the prince of the chamberlains had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, 'Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, 'for ten days; and let them give us some pulse to eat, and 'water to drink. Then let our countenances be looked 'upon before thee, and the countenance of the children 'that eat of the king's delicacies; and as thou seest, deal 'with thy servants.' So he hearkened to them in this matter, and proved them for ten days. And at the end of ten days their countenances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children that did eat the king's delicacies. Thus the steward took away their delicacies, and the wine that they should drink; and gave them pulse.

17 As for these four children, God gave them knowledge
and skill in all writing and wisdom; and Daniel had un-
18 derstanding in all visions and dreams. And at the end of
the days that the king had said he should bring them in,
then the prince of the chamberlains brought them in before
19 Nebuchadnezzar. And the king talked with them; and
among them all was found none like Daniel, Hananiah,
Mishael, and Azariah; therefore stood they before the king.
20 And in all matters of wisdom and understanding, that the
king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than
all the magicians and soothsayers that were in all his king-
21 dom. And Daniel continued even unto the first year of king
Cyrus [B.C. 536].

1 AND IN THE SECOND YEAR of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar
[B.C. 606], Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, and his spirit
2 was troubled, and his sleep departed from him. Then the
king commanded to call the magicians, and the soothsayers,
and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans, to shew to the king
3 his dreams. So they came and stood before the king. And
the king said to them, 'I have dreamed a dream, and my
4 'spirit is troubled to know the dream.' Then spake the
Chaldeans to the king in Syriac, 'O king, live for ever; *
'tell thy servants the dream, and we will shew the inter- *
5 'pretation.' The king answered and said to the Chal- *
deans, 'The thing is gone from me; if ye make not *
'known to me the dream, with the interpretation thereof, *
'ye shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made *
6 'dunghills. But if ye shew the dream, and the interpre- *
'tation thereof, ye shall receive of me gifts and rewards *
'and great honour; therefore shew me the dream, and *
7 'the interpretation thereof.' They answered again and *
said, 'Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we *
8 'will shew the interpretation of it.' The king answered *
and said, 'I know of certainty that ye would gain the *
9 'time, because ye see that the thing is gone from me. But *
'if ye make not known to me the dream, this alone is *
'your purpose; for ye have prepared lying and corrupt *
'words to speak before me, till the time be changed; *
'therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that ye *
10 'can shew me the interpretation thereof.' The Chal- *
deans answered before the king and said, 'There is not a *
'man upon the earth that is able to shew the king's *

* 'matter; for this cause no king, lord, nor ruler hath
* 'asked such things of any magician, or soothsayer, or
* 'Chaldean. And it is a rare thing that the king requireth, 11
* 'and there is none other that can shew it before the king,
* 'except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh.'
* For this cause the king was angry and very furious, 12
* and commanded to destroy all the wise men of Babylon.
* And the decree went forth that the wise men should be 13
* slain; and they sought Daniel and his fellows that they
* might be slain.
* Then Daniel answered with counsel and wisdom to 14
* Arioch the chief of the king's guard, who was gone forth
* to slay the wise men of Babylon; he answered and said 15
* to Arioch the king's captain, 'Why is the decree so hasty
* 'from the king?' Then Arioch made the thing known
* to Daniel. Then Daniel went in, and desired of the 16
* king that he would appoint him a time, and that he
* would shew the king the interpretation. Then Daniel 17
* went to his house, and made the thing known to Hana-
* niah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions; that they 18
* would desire mercies from the God of heaven concern-
* ing this secret; that Daniel and his fellows should not
* perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.
* Then was the secret revealed to Daniel in a vision of 19
* the night. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven. Daniel 20
* answered and said,
* 'Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever;
* 'For wisdom and might are his;
* 'And he changeth the times and the seasons; 21
* 'He removeth kings, and he setteth up kings;
* 'He giveth wisdom to the wise,
* 'And knowledge to them that know understanding;
* 'He revealeth the deep and secret things; 22
* 'He knoweth what is in the darkness,
* 'And the light dwelleth with him.
* 'I thank thee, and praise thee, O God of my fathers, 23
* 'because thou hast given me wisdom and might, and
* 'hast made known to me now what we asked of thee;
* 'for thou hast made known to us the king's matter.'
* Thereupon Daniel went in unto Arioch, whom the king 24
* had ordained to destroy the wise men of Babylon; he

went and said thus to him; 'Destroy not the wise men *
'of Babylon; bring me in before the king, and I will *
25 'shew to the king the interpretation.' Then Arioch *
brought in Daniel before the king in haste, and said *
thus to him, 'I have found a man of the children of the *
'captivity of Judah, that will make known to the king *
26 'the interpretation.' The king answered and said to *
Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, 'Art thou able to *
'make known to me the dream which I have seen, and *
27 'the interpretation thereof?' Daniel answered in the pre- *
sence of the king, and said, 'The secret which the king *
'hath demanded, the wise men, the soothsayers, the ma- *
28 'gicians, the astrologers, cannot shew to the king; but *
'there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and *
'maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall *
'be in the latter days. Thy dream, and the visions of *
29 'thy head upon thy bed, are these; as for thee, O king, *
'thy thoughts came up upon thy bed, what should come *
'to pass hereafter; and He that revealeth secrets will *
30 'make known to thee what shall come to pass. But as *
'for me, this secret is not revealed to me for any wisdom *
'that I have more than any one living, but for their *
'sakes that shall make known the interpretation to the *
'king, and that thou mightest know the thoughts of thy *
'heart. *
31 'Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. *
'This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood *
32 'before thee; and his appearance was terrible. This *
'image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of *
33 'silver, his belly and his thighs of copper, his legs of *
34 'iron, his feet part of iron and part of pottery. Thou *
'lookedst till a stone was cut out without hands, which *
'smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and *
35 'pottery, and brake them to pieces. Then was the iron, *
'the pottery, the copper, the silver, and the gold, broken *
'to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the *
'summer threshing-floors; and the wind carried them *
'away, so that no trace of them was found; and the *
'stone that smote the image became a great rock, and *
36 'it filled the whole earth. This is the dream; and we *
'will tell the interpretation thereof before the king. *
37 'Thou, O king [of Babylon], art a king of kings; for *

* 'matter; for this cause no king, lord, nor ruler hath
* 'asked such things of any magician, or soothsayer, or
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'heart. *
31 'Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. *
'This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood *
32 'before thee; and his appearance was terrible. This *
'image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of *
33 'silver, his belly and his thighs of copper, his legs of *
34 'iron, his feet part of iron and part of pottery. Thou *
'lookedst till a stone was cut out without hands, which *
'smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and *
35 'pottery, and brake them to pieces. Then was the iron, *
'the pottery, the copper, the silver, and the gold, broken *
'to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the *
'summer threshing-floors; and the wind carried them *
'away, so that no trace of them was found; and the *
'stone that smote the image became a great rock, and *
36 'it filled the whole earth. This is the dream; and we *
'will tell the interpretation thereof before the king. *
37 'Thou, O king [of Babylon], art a king of kings; for *

* 'the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, riches,
* 'and strength, and glory. And wheresoever the sons of 38
* 'men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the
* 'heavens hath he given into thine hand, and hath made
* 'thee ruler over them all. Thou art this head of gold.
* 'And after thee shall arise another kingdom [the Medes] 39
* 'inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of copper
* '[the Persians], which shall bear rule over all the earth.
* 'And the fourth kingdom [the Greeks] shall be strong as 40
* 'iron; forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and sub-
* 'dueth all things; and as iron that bruiseth all these,
* 'shall it break in pieces and bruise. And whereas thou 41
* 'sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' work, and part
* 'of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall
* 'be in it some of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as
* 'thou sawest the iron mixed with earthen pottery. And 42
* 'as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of
* 'pottery, so part of the kingdom shall be strong, and part
* 'brittle. And whereas thou sawest the iron mixed with 43
* 'earthen pottery, they [the kings] shall be united by
* 'marriages; but they shall not cleave one to another,
* 'even as iron cannot be mixed with pottery. And in 44
* 'the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up
* 'a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed; and the
* 'kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall
* 'break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and
* 'it shall stand for ever. Forasmuch as thou sawest that 45
* 'the stone was cut out of the rock without hands, and
* 'that it brake in pieces the iron, the copper, the pottery,
* 'the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made
* 'known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter;
* 'and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof
* 'sure.'
* Then the king Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face, and 46
* worshipped Daniel, and commanded that they should
* offer a meal offering and sweet odours to him. The king 47
* answered to Daniel, and said, 'Of a truth it is, that your
* 'God is a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer
* 'of secrets, seeing thou couldest reveal this secret.' Then 48
* the king made Daniel a great man, and gave him many
* great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province
* of Babylon, and chief of the governors over all the wise

men of Babylon. Then Daniel requested of the king, * and he set Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, over the * affairs of the province of Babylon; but Daniel sat in the * gate of the king. *

1 Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose * height was threescore cubits, and its breadth six cubits; * he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of *
2 Babylon. Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent to gather * together the Satraps [or princes], the governors, and the * Pashas [or captains], the chief judges, the treasurers, the * counsellors, the lawyers, and all the Sultans [or rulers] of * the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image *
3 which Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up. Then the * Satraps, the governors, and Pashas, the chief judges, the * treasurers, the counsellors, the lawyers, and all the Sul- * tans of the provinces, were gathered together to the dedi- * cation of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had * set up; and they stood before the image that Nebuchad- *
4 nezzar had set up. Then a herald cried aloud, 'To you *
5 'it is commanded, O people, nations, and languages, that * 'at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, pipe, * 'harp, sackbut, psaltery, symphony, and all kinds of * 'music, ye fall down and worship the golden image that *
6 'Nebuchadnezzar the king hath set up; and whoso falleth * 'not down and worshippeth shall at the same moment be *
7 'cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.' There- * upon at that time, when all the people heard the sound of * the cornet, pipe, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and all kinds of * music, all the people, the nations, and the languages, fell * down and worshipped the golden image that Nebuchad- * nezzar the king had set up. *

8 Whereupon at that time certain Chaldeans came near, *
9 and accused the Jews. They spake and said to the king *
10 Nebuchadnezzar, 'O king, live for ever. Thou, O king, * 'hast made a decree, that every man that shall hear the * 'sound of the cornet, pipe, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and * 'symphony, and all kinds of music, shall fall down and *
11 'worship the golden image; and whoso falleth not down * 'and worshippeth, that he should be cast into the midst *
12 'of a burning fiery furnace. There are certain Jews * 'whom thou hast set over the affairs of the province of * 'Babylon, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego; these *

* 'men, O king, have not regarded thee; they serve not
* 'thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast
* 'set up.'
* Then Nebuchadnezzar in rage and fury commanded to 13
* bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego. Then they
* brought these men before the king. Nebuchadnezzar 14
* spake and said to them, 'Is it on purpose, O Shadrach,
* 'Meshach, and Abed-nego, that ye do not serve my gods,
* 'nor worship the golden image which I have set up?
* 'Now, behold, be ye ready at what time ye hear the 15
* 'sound of the cornet, pipe, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and
* 'symphony, and all kinds of music, and fall down and
* 'worship the image which I have made. But if ye wor-
* 'ship not, ye shall be cast at the same moment into the
* 'midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that God
* 'that shall deliver you out of my hands?' Shadrach, 16
* Meshach, and Abed-nego, answered and said to the king,
* 'O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer thee in
* 'this matter. If it be so, our God whom we serve is 17
* 'able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he
* 'will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, 18
* 'be it known to thee, O king, that we will not serve thy
* 'gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast
* 'set up.'
* Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form 19
* of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach,
* and Abed-nego. He spake, and commanded that they
* should heat the furnace seven times more than it was
* wont to be heated. And he commanded the most mighty 20
* men that were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach,
* and Abed-nego, and to cast them into the burning fiery
* furnace. Then these men were bound in their loose 21
* trowsers, their coats, and their turbans, and their robes,
* and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.
* Thereupon because the king's command was strict, and 22
* the furnace exceeding hot, the flame of the fire slew those
* men that took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego.
* And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed- 23
* nego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery
* furnace.
* Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and 24
* rose up in haste, and spake, and said to his counsellors,

'Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the *
'fire?' They answered and said to the king, 'True, O *
25 'king.' He answered and said, 'Lo, I see four men *
'loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have *
'no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like a son of *
'God.' *
26 Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the *
burning fiery furnace, and spake, and said, 'Shadrach, *
'Meshach, and Abed-nego, ye servants of the most high *
'God, come forth, and come.' Then Shadrach, Meshach, *
and Abed-nego, came forth from the midst of the fire. *
27 And the Satraps, governors, and Pashas, and coun- *
sellors of the king, being gathered together, saw these *
men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was *
a hair of their head singed, neither were their loose trow- *
sers changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them. *
28 Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, 'Blessed be the *
'God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, who hath *
'sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted *
'in him, and broke the king's command, and yielded *
'their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any *
29 'god, except their own God. Therefore I make a decree, *
'That every people, nation, and language, who speak *
'wrongfully against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and *
'Abed-nego, shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall *
'be made dunghills; because there is no other god that *
30 'can deliver after this manner.' Then the king pro- *
moted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, in the pro- *
vince of Babylon. *

1 NEBUCHADNEZZAR THE KING, unto all people, na- *
tions, and languages, that dwell in all the land; *
Peace be multiplied unto you. *
2 I thought it good to shew the signs and wonders that the *
3 high God hath wrought toward me. How great are his *
signs! and how mighty are his wonders! his kingdom is *
an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion is from gene- *
ration to generation. *
4 I Nebuchadnezzar was at rest in my house, and flour- *
5 ishing in my palace; I saw a dream which made me *
afraid, and the thoughts upon my bed and the visions of *
6 my head troubled me. Therefore made I a decree to *
bring in all the wise men of Babylon before me, that *

* they might make known to me the interpretation of the
* dream. Then came in the magicians, the soothsayers, 7
* the Chaldeans, and the astrologers; and I told the dream
* before them; but they did not make known to me the
* interpretation thereof. But at last Daniel came in before 8
* me, whose name was Belteshazzar, according to the name
* of my god [Baal], and in whom is the spirit of the holy
* gods; and before him I told the dream, [saying,] O Bel- 9
* teshazzar, chief of the magicians, because I know that
* the spirit of the holy gods is in thee, and no secret is hard
* for thee, tell me the visions of my dream that I have seen,
* and the interpretation thereof. Thus were the visions 10
* of my head on my bed; I saw, and behold a tree in the
* midst of the earth, and its height was great. The tree 11
* grew, and became strong, and its height reached to the
* heavens, and the sight thereof to the end of all the earth.
* Its leaves were fair, and its fruit large, and in it was food 12
* for all; the beasts of the field had shade under it, and
* the fowls of the heavens dwelt in its branches, and all
* flesh was fed from it. I saw in the visions of my head 13
* upon my bed, and, behold, a guardian angel and a holy
* one came down from heaven; he cried aloud, and said 14
* thus, 'Hew down the tree, and cut off its branches,
* 'shake off its leaves, and scatter its fruit; let the beasts
* 'get away from under it, and the fowls from its branches;
* 'nevertheless leave the stump of its roots in the earth, 15
* 'even with a band of iron and copper, in the tender grass
* 'of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven,
* 'and let its portion be with the beasts in the grass of
* 'the earth; let his heart be changed from man's, and let 16
* 'a beast's heart be given to him; and let seven times [or
* 'years] pass over him. This command is by the decree 17
* 'of the guardian angels, and the demand by the word of
* 'the holy ones; to the intent that the living may know
* 'that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and
* 'giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over
* 'it the basest of men.' This dream I king Nebuchad- 18
* nezzar have seen. Now thou, O Belteshazzar, declare
* the interpretation thereof, forasmuch as all the wise men
* of my kingdom are not able to make known to me the
* interpretation; but thou art able; for the spirit of the
* holy gods is in thee.

19 Then Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, was astonished for a moment, and his thoughts troubled him. The king spake, and said, 'Belteshazzar, let not the 'dream, or the interpretation thereof, trouble thee.' Belteshazzar answered and said, 'My lord, may the dream be 'to them that hate thee, and the interpretation thereof to 20 'thine enemies. The tree that thou sawest, which grew, 'and was strong, whose height reached to the heavens, 21 'and the sight thereof to all the earth; whose leaves were 'fair, and its fruit large, and in it was food for all; under 'which the beasts of the field dwelt, and upon whose 'branches the fowls of the heavens had their habitation; 22 'it is thou, O king, who art grown and become strong; 'for thy greatness is grown, and reacheth to the heavens, 23 'and thy dominion to the end of the earth. And whereas 'the king saw a guardian angel and a holy one coming 'down from heaven, and saying, Hew the tree down, and 'destroy it; yet leave the stump of its roots in the earth, 'even with a band of iron and copper, in the tender grass 'of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, 'and let his portion be with the beasts of the field, till 24 'seven times [or years] pass over him; this is the inter- 'pretation, O king, and this is the decree of the Most 25 'High, which is come upon my lord the king; that they 'shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be 'with the beasts of the field, and they shall make thee 'to eat grass as oxen, and they shall wet thee with the 'dew of heaven, and seven times [or years] shall pass over 'thee, till thou know that the Most High ruleth in the 'kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will. 26 'And whereas they commanded to leave the stump of the 'roots of the tree; thy kingdom shall be made sure to 'thee, after that thou shalt have known that the heavens 27 'do rule. Therefore, O king, let my counsel be accept- 'able to thee; and break off thy sins by righteousness, 'and thine iniquities by shewing mercy to the poor; oh 'may it be a lengthening of thy tranquillity.'

28 All this came upon the king Nebuchadnezzar. At the 29 end of twelve months he walked in the palace of the 30 kingdom of Babylon. The king spake, and said, 'Is not 'this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of 'the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the

* 'honour of my majesty?' While the word was in the 31
* king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, saying, 'O
* king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; The king-
* dom is departed from thee. And they shall drive thee 32
* from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of
* the field; they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen,
* and seven times [or years] shall pass over thee, until
* thou know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom
* of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.' At the 33
* same moment was the thing fulfilled upon Nebuchad-
* nezzar; and he was driven from men, and did eat grass as
* oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven,
* till his hairs were grown like the eagles, and his nails
* like the birds.
* And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up 34
* mine eyes to heaven and mine understanding returned to
* me, and I blessed the Most High, and I praised and
* honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion
* is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from
* generation to generation; and all the inhabitants of the 35
* earth are reputed as nothing; and he doeth according to
* his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabit-
* ants of the earth; and none can stay his hand, or say to
* him, 'What doest thou?' At the same time my reason 36
* returned to me; and for the glory of my kingdom, my
* honour and brightness returned to me; and my coun-
* sellors and my lords sought unto me; and I was esta-
* blished in my kingdom, and excellent majesty was added
* to me. Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and 37
* honour the King of Heaven, all whose works are truth,
* and his ways justice; and those that walk in pride he is
* able to abase.
* BELSHAZZAR THE KING made a great feast to a thou- 1
* sand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand.
* Belshazzar, while he tasted the wine, commanded to 2
* bring the golden and silver vessels which his father
* Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the Temple which was
* in Jerusalem; that the king, and his lords, his wives, and
* his concubines, might drink therein. Then they brought 3
* the golden vessels that were taken out of the temple [or
* great hall] of the House of God which was at Jerusalem;
* and the king, and his lords, his wives, and his concubines,

drank in them. They drank wine, and praised the gods * of gold, and of silver, of copper, of iron, of wood, and of * stone. At the same moment came forth the fingers of a * man's hand, and wrote over against the lampstand upon * the plaster of the wall of the king's palace; and the * king saw the part of the hand that wrote. Then the * king's countenance was changed, and his thoughts trou- * bled him, so that the joints of his loins were weakened, * and his knees smote one against another. The king cried * aloud to bring in the soothsayers, the Chaldeans, and the * astrologers. And the king spake, and said to the wise * men of Babylon, 'Whosoever shall read this writing, and * 'shew me the interpretation thereof, shall be clothed in * 'purple, and have a chain of gold about his neck, and * 'shall be the third ruler in the kingdom.' Then came * in all the king's wise men; but they could not read the * writing, nor make known to the king the interpretation * thereof. Then was king Belshazzar greatly troubled, * and his countenance was changed in him, and his lords * were astonished. *

Now the queen by reason of the words of the king and * his lords came into the banquet house; and the queen * spake and said, 'O king, live for ever; let not thy thoughts * 'trouble thee, nor let thy countenance be changed. There * 'is a man in thy kingdom, in whom is the spirit of the * 'holy gods; and in the days of thy father light and * 'understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, * 'was found in him; whom the king Nebuchadnezzar thy * 'father, thy royal father, made chief of the magicians, * 'soothsayers, Chaldeans, and astrologers; forasmuch as * 'an excellent spirit, and knowledge, and understanding, * 'interpreting of dreams, and shewing of hard sentences, * 'and solving of doubts, were found in the same Daniel, * 'to whom the king gave the name of Belteshazzar; now * 'let Daniel be called, and he will shew the interpreta- * 'tion.' Then was Daniel brought in before the king. * And the king spake and said to Daniel, 'Art thou that * 'Daniel, who is one of the children of the captivity of * 'Judah, whom the king my father brought out of Judea? * 'I have even heard of thee, that the spirit of the gods is * 'in thee, and that light and understanding and excellent * 'wisdom is found in thee. And now the wise men, the *

* 'soothsayers, have been brought in before me, that they
* 'should read this writing, and make known to me the in-
* 'terpretation thereof; but they could not shew the inter-
* 'pretation of the thing. And I have heard of thee, that 10
* 'thou canst make interpretations, and solve doubts; now
* 'if thou canst read the writing, and make known to me the
* 'interpretation thereof, thou shalt be clothed in purple,
* 'and have a chain of gold about thy neck, and shalt be
* 'the third ruler in the kingdom.'
* Then Daniel answered and said before the king, 'Let 17
* 'thy gifts be to thyself, and give thy rewards to another;
* 'yet I will read the writing to the king, and make known
* 'to him the interpretation. O thou king, the most high 18
* 'God gave Nebuchadnezzar thy father a kingdom, and
* 'majesty, and glory, and honour; and for the majesty 19
* 'that he gave him, all people, nations, and languages,
* 'trembled and feared before him; whom he would he
* 'slew; and whom he would he kept alive; and whom he
* 'would he set up; and whom he would he put down.
* 'But when his heart was lifted up, and his mind hard- 20
* 'ened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne,
* 'and they took his glory from him; and he was driven 21
* 'from the sons of men; and his heart was made like the
* 'beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild asses; they
* 'fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet
* 'with the dew of heaven; till he knew that the most
* 'high God ruled in the kingdom of men, and that he
* 'appointeth over it whomsoever he will. And thou his 22
* 'son, O Belshazzar, hast not humbled thine heart, though
* 'thou knewest all this; but hast lifted up thyself against 23
* 'the Lord of Heaven; and they have brought the vessels
* 'of His House before thee, and thou, and thy lords, thy
* 'wives, and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them;
* 'and thou hast praised the gods of silver, and gold, of
* 'copper, iron, wood, and stone, which see not, nor hear,
* 'nor know; and the God in whose hand thy breath is,
* 'and whose are all thy ways, hast thou not glorified; then 24
* 'was the part of the hand sent from him; and this
* 'writing was written. (And this is the writing that was 25
* 'written, MENE, MENE [or Numbered], TEKEL [or Weighed],
* 'U-PERESIN [or And Divided].) This is the interpreta- 26
* 'tion of the thing; MENE; God hath numbered thy king-

27 'dom, and finished it. TEKEL; Thou art weighed in the
28 'balances, and art found wanting. PERES; Thy kingdom
29 'is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.' Then
commanded Belshazzar, and they clothed Daniel in
purple, and put a chain of gold about his neck, and made
a proclamation concerning him, that he should be the
third ruler in the kingdom.
30 In that night [B. C. 539] was Belshazzar the king of
31 the Chaldeans slain. And DARIUS THE MEDE [or Cyax-
ares II.] took the kingdom, being about threescore and
two years old.
1 It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom a hundred
and twenty Satraps, who should be over the whole king-
2 dom; and over these three presidents; of whom Daniel
was first; that the Satraps might give accounts to them,
3 and the king should have no damage. Then this Daniel
was preferred above the presidents and Satraps, because
an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to
4 set him over the whole kingdom. Then the presidents
and Satraps sought to find occasion against Daniel con-
cerning the kingdom; but they could find none occasion
nor fault; forasmuch as he was faithful, neither was
5 there any error or fault found in him. Then said these
men, 'We cannot find any occasion against this Daniel,
'except we find it against him concerning the law of his
6 'God.' Then these presidents and Satraps assembled
together to the king, and said thus to him, 'King Darius,
7 'live for ever. All the presidents of the kingdom, the
'governors, and the Satraps, the counsellors, and the
'Pashas, have consulted together to establish a royal
'statute, and to make a firm decree, that whosoever shall
'ask a petition of any God or man for thirty days, save
'of thee, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions.
8 'Now, O king, establish the decree, and sign the writing,
'that it be not changed, according to the law of the
9 'Medes and Persians, which altereth not.' Whereupon
king Darius signed the writing and the decree.
10 Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed,
he went into his house; and his windows being open in
his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his
knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks
11 before his God, as he did aforetime. Then these men

* assembled, and found Daniel praying and making sup-
* plication before his God.
* Then they came near, and spake before the king con- 12
* cerning the king's decree; 'Hast thou not signed a
* 'decree, that every man that shall ask a petition of any
* 'God or man within thirty days, save of thee, O king,
* 'shall be cast into the den of lions?' The king answered
* and said, 'The thing is true, according to the law of the
* 'Medes and Persians, which altereth not.' Then an- 13
* swered they and said before the king, 'That Daniel, who
* 'is one of the children of the captivity of Judah, re-
* 'gardeth not thee, O king, nor the decree that thou hast
* 'signed, but maketh his petition three times a day.'
* Then the king, when he heard these words, was sore 14
* displeased with himself, and set his heart on Daniel to
* deliver him; and he laboured till the going down of the
* sun to deliver him. Then these men assembled to the 15
* king, and said unto the king, 'Know, O king, that the
* 'law of the Medes and Persians is, That no decree nor
* 'statute which the king establisheth may be changed.'
* Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, 16
* and cast him into the den of lions. Now the king spake
* and said to Daniel, 'Thy God whom thou servest con-
* 'tinually, he will deliver thee.' And a stone was brought, 17
* and laid upon the mouth of the den; and the king sealed
* it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords;
* that the purpose might not be changed concerning
* Daniel.
* Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night 18
* fasting; neither did he cause any concubines to be brought
* before him; and his sleep went from him. Then the 19
* king arose at daybreak in the morning, and went in haste
* to the den of lions. And when he came to the den, 20
* he cried with a sorrowful voice unto Daniel; and the
* king spake and said to Daniel, 'O Daniel, servant of the
* 'living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually,
* 'able to deliver thee from the lions?' Then said Daniel 21
* to the king, 'O king, live for ever. My God hath sent 22
* 'his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they
* 'have not hurt me; forasmuch as before him innocence
* 'was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I
* 'done no hurt.' Then was the king exceeding glad for 23

him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up * out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, * and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he * 24 believed in his God. And the king commanded, and * they brought those men which had accused Daniel, and * they cast them into the den of lions, them, their children, * and their wives; and the lions had the mastery of them, * and brake all their bones in pieces before ever they came * to the bottom of the den. *

25 Then king Darius wrote to all people, nations, and lan- * guages, that dwelt in all the land; 'Peace be multiplied * 26 'unto you. I make a decree, That in every dominion of * 'my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of * 'Daniel; for he is the living God, and steadfast for ever, * 'and his kingdom is that which shall not be destroyed, * 27 'and his dominion shall be even unto the end. He de- * 'livereth and rescueth, and he worketh signs and wonders * 'in the heavens and on earth. It is he who hath delivered * 'Daniel from the power of the lions.' *

28 So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius [or * Cyaxares II.], and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian. *

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1 In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon * [B.C. 555], Daniel saw a dream and visions of his head * upon his bed. Then he wrote the dream, and told the * 2 sum of the matters. Daniel spake and said, I saw in my * vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the * 3 heavens rushed forth upon the Great Sea. And four * great Beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from * 4 another. The First [the Assyrians] was like a lion, and * had eagle's wings; I looked till its wings were plucked, * and it was lifted up from the earth, and made to stand * upon its feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to * 5 it. And behold another Beast, the Second [the Baby- * lonians], like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, * and it had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth; and * 6 they said thus to it, 'Arise, devour much flesh.' After * this, I looked, and lo, Another [the Persians], like a * leopard, which had upon its back the four wings of a * fowl; the beast had also four heads [Assyria, Babylonia, * 7 Media and Persia]; and dominion was given to it. After * this I saw in visions of the night, and behold the Fourth *

* Beast [the Greeks], dreadful and mighty, and strong ex-
* ceedingly; and it had great iron teeth; it devoured and
* brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with its feet;
* and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before
* it; and it had ten Horns [or kings]. I considered the 8
* horns, and, behold, there came up among them another,
* a mean Horn [Antiochus Epiphanes], before whom there
* were three of the first horns plucked up; and, behold,
* in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a
* mouth speaking great things.
* I looked till the thrones were cast down, and the 9
* Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as
* snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his
* throne was a fiery flame, and his wheels a burning fire.
* A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him; 10
* a thousand times a thousand ministered to him, and ten
* thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the
* judges were seated, and the books were opened. I looked 11
* then because of the voice of the great words which the
* Horn spake; I looked even till the Beast was slain, and
* its body destroyed, and given to the burning flame. As 12
* concerning the rest of the Beasts, they had their domi-
* nion taken away; yet a lengthening of their lives was
* granted to them for a season and a time.
* I saw in visions of the night, and, behold, one like a 13
* son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to
* the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before
* him. And there was given to him dominion, and glory, 14
* and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages,
* should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting domi-
* nion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that
* which shall not be destroyed.
* I Daniel was grieved in my spirit in the midst of my 15
* body, and the visions of my head troubled me. I came 16
* near to one of them that stood by, and asked him the
* truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the
* interpretation of the things. 'These great Beasts, which 17
* 'are four, are four kings, who shall arise out of the earth.
* 'But the Holy People of the Most High shall take the 18
* 'kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for
* 'ever and ever.' Then I would know the truth of the 19
* Fourth Beast, which was diverse from all the others, ex-

ceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and its claws * of copper; who devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped *
20 the residue with its feet; and of the ten Horns that were * on its head, and of the other which came up, and before * whom the three fell; even of that Horn that had eyes, * and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look was *
21 more stout than its fellows. I looked, and the same * Horn made war against the Holy People, and prevailed *
22 against them; until the Ancient of days came, and judg- * ment was given to the Holy People of the Most High; * and the time came that the Holy People possessed the *
23 kingdom. Thus he said, 'The Fourth Beast shall be the * 'fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from * 'all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall *
24 'tread it down, and break it in pieces. And the ten * 'Horns of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise; * 'and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse * 'from those who were before, and he shall subdue three *
25 'kings. And he shall speak words against the Most * 'High, and shall wear out the Holy People of the Most * 'High, and shall think to change the appointed times and * 'the laws; and they shall be given into his hands until * 'a time and times and the half of a time [or three years *
26 'and a half]. But the judges shall be seated, and they * 'shall take away his dominion, to consume and to de- *
27 'stroy it unto the end. And the kingdom and dominion, * 'and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole * 'heavens, shall be given to the nation of the Holy People * 'of the Most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting * 'kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey it.' *
28 Thus far is the end of the matter. As for me Daniel, * my thoughts troubled me much, and my countenance * changed in me; but I kept the matter in my heart. *

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1 In the third year of the reign of king Belshazzar [B. C. 553] a vision appeared to me, to me Daniel, after that which
2 had appeared to me at the first. And I saw in a vision; and it came to pass, when I saw, that I was at Susa, the royal city, which is in the province of Elam [or Western Persia]; and I saw in a vision, and I was by the river Ulai.
3 Then I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, there stood before the river a Ram which had two Horns. And

the two Horns were high; but one was higher than the other, and the higher came up last. I saw the Ram pushing westward, and northward, and southward; so that no beasts might stand before him, neither was there any that could deliver out of his hand; but he did according to his will, and became great. And as I was considering, behold, a HE GOAT came from the west on the face of the whole earth, and no one came near to him on the earth; and the goat had a notable HORN between his eyes. And he came to the Ram that had two Horns, which I had seen standing before the river, and ran at him in the fury of his power. And I saw him come close to the Ram, and he was moved with anger against him, and smote the Ram, and brake his two Horns; and there was no power in the Ram to stand before him, but he cast him down to the ground, and stamped upon him; and there was none that could deliver the Ram out of his hand. And the He Goat waxed very great; and when he was strong, the Great Horn was broken; and instead of it came up four notable ones toward the four winds of heaven. And out of one of them came forth a MEAN HORN, which waxed exceeding great, against the south, and against the east, and against Beauty [or Jerusalem]. And it waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them. Yea, he magnified himself even to the Prince of the host, and by him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of his Sanctuary was cast down. And an army was sent against the daily sacrifice for transgression; and it cast down the truth to the ground, and it practised, and prospered.

Then I heard a holy one speaking, and another holy one said to that certain one that spake, 'How long shall be the 'vision concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression 'which desolateth, and giveth both the Holy Place and the 'host [or temple-servants] to be trodden under foot?' And he said to me, 'Until two thousand and three hundred 'evenings and mornings; then shall the Holy Place be justified.' And it came to pass, when I, even I Daniel, had seen the vision, and sought for the meaning, then, behold, there stood before me as the appearance of a man. And I heard a man's voice between the banks of the Ulai, who called, and said, 'Gabriel, make this man to understand the

17 'appearance.' So he came near where I stood; and when
he came, I was afraid, and fell upon my face. But he said
to me, 'Understand, O son of Adam; for unto the time of
18 'the end belongeth the vision.' Now as he was speaking
with me, I was in a deep sleep on my face toward the
ground; but he touched me, and made me stand upright.
19 And he said, 'Behold, I will make thee know what shall be
'in the last end of the indignation; for at the time appointed
20 'the end shall be. The Ram which thou sawest hath two
21 'Horns, which are the kings of Media and Persia. And the
'rough Goat is the king of Greece; and the great Horn that
'is between his eyes is the first king [Alexander the Great].
22 'Now that being broken, whereas four stood up instead of
'it, four kingdoms [Macedonia, Asia Minor, Syria and
'Egypt] shall stand up out of the nation, but not in his
23 'power. And in the latter time of their kingdom, when
'the transgressions are come to the full, a king [Antiochus
'Epiphanes] of fierce countenance, and understanding dark
24 'sentences, shall stand up. And his power shall be mighty,
'but not by his own power. And he shall destroy won-
'derfully, and shall prosper, and shall practise, and shall
'destroy mighty ones and the nation of the Holy People.
25 'And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper
'in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart,
'and while in peace he shall destroy many. He shall also
'stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be
26 'broken, but not by any hand. And the appearance of the
'evening and the morning which hath been told is true;
'therefore shut thou up the vision; for it shall be after
27 'many days.' And I Daniel fainted, and was sick for some
days; afterward I rose up, and did the king's business;
and I was astonished at the appearance, but none under-
stood it.

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1 In the first year of Darius [or Cyaxares II.] the son
of Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes, who [B.C. 538]
2 was made king over the kingdom of the Chaldeans; in the
first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the
number of the years, about which the word of Jehovah came
to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy
3 years in the desolations of Jerusalem. And I set my face
unto the Lord God, to seek him by prayer and supplica-

tions, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes. And I prayed 4
to Jehovah my God, and made my confession, and said, 'O
'Lord, O great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant
'and kindness to them that love him, and to them that
'keep his commandments; we have sinned, and have com- 5
'mitted iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled,
'even by departing from thy commandments and from thy
'judgments; neither have we hearkened to thy servants 6
'the prophets, who spake in thy name to our kings, our
'princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.
'O Lord, righteousness belongeth to thee, but to us con- 7
'fusion of face, as at this day; to the men of Judah, and
'to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to all Israel, that are
'near, and that are far off, through all the countries whither
'thou hast driven them, because of their trespass that they
'have trespassed against thee. O Lord, to us belongeth 8
'confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our
'fathers, because we have sinned against thee. To the 9
'Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though
'we have rebelled against him, and have not obeyed the 10
'voice of Jehovah our God, to walk in his laws, which he
'set before us by his servants the prophets. Yea, all Israel 11
'have transgressed thy Law, even by departing, that they
'might not obey thy voice; therefore the curse is poured
'upon us, and the oath that is written in the Law of Moses
'the servant of God [Deut. xxvii. 15], because we have
'sinned against him. And he hath confirmed his words, 12
'which he spake against us, and against our judges that
'judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil; for under the
'whole heavens hath not been done as hath been done upon
'Jerusalem. As it is written in the Law of Moses [Deut. 13
'xxviii. 15], all this evil is come upon us; yet we entreated
'not the face of Jehovah our God, that we might turn from
'our iniquities, and understand thy truth. Therefore hath 14
'Jehovah watched upon the evil, and brought it upon us;
'(for Jehovah our God is righteous in all his works which
'he doeth;) for we obeyed not his voice.

'And now, O Lord our God, that didst bring thy people 15
'forth out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and
'hast made for thyself a name, as at this day; we have sinned,
'we have done wickedly. O Lord, according to all thy 16
'righteousness, I beseech thee, let thine anger and thy wrath

'be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, thy holy moun-
'tain; because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our
'fathers, Jerusalem and thy people are become a reproach
17 'among all that are about us. Now therefore, O our God,
'hearken to the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplica-
'tions, and cause thy face to shine upon thy Sanctuary
18 'that is desolate, for the Lord's sake. O my God, incline
'thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and behold our deso-
'lations, and the city which is called by thy Name; for
'we do not lay down our supplications before thee for our
19 'righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies. O Lord, hear;
'O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; delay not, for
'thine own sake, O my God; for thy city and thy people
'are called by thy Name.'

20 And while I was speaking, and praying, and confessing
my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and laying down
my supplication before Jehovah my God for the holy
21 mountain of my God; yea, while I was speaking in prayer,
even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at
the beginning, wearied with flying, came up to me about
22 the time of the evening meal offering. And he explained,
and talked with me, and said, 'O Daniel, I am now come
23 'forth to teach thee understanding. At the beginning of
'thy supplications the command went forth, and I am
'come to shew thee; for thou art greatly beloved; there-
'fore understand the matter, and consider the appearance.

24 'Seventy weeks [or 490 years] are determined for thy
'people and for thy holy city, to finish the transgression,
'and to make an end of sins, and to make atonement for
'iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to
'put the seal upon the vision and the prophecy, and to
25 'anoint the Holy of Holies. Know therefore and under-
'stand, that from the going forth of the command [to
'Zerubbabel, B.C. 536] to lead back home, and to build
'up Jerusalem, unto an Anointed Ruler [Ezra], shall be
'seven weeks [or 49 years]. Then in threescore and two
'weeks [or 434 years] the Broad Place [of the Temple]
'shall be built again [B.C. 53] and the wall, even in trou-
26 'blous times. And after the threescore and two weeks
'shall an anointed one [king Aristobulus] be cut off, and
'nothing shall remain to him. And the people of the
'ruler [or Roman general] that shall come will destroy the

'city and the Holy Place; and the end thereof will be
'with a flood, and until the end of the war desolations
'are determined. And he will confirm a treaty with Many 27
'[or the Aristocracy] for one week. And in the middle of
'the week [B.C. 50] he will cause the sacrifice and the
'meal offering to cease, and upon the battlements shall be
'the abominations [or idolatrous ensigns] of desolation;
'even until the consummation, and that which has been
'determined shall be poured out upon the desolator.'

IN THE THIRD YEAR OF CYRUS king of Persia [B.C. 534] 1
a word was revealed to Daniel whose name was called Belteshazzar; and the word was true, but the warfare was long. And he understood the word, and had understanding of the vision.

In those days I Daniel was mourning three weeks of 2
days. I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine 3
in my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till three weeks of days were fulfilled. And on the four and twen- 4
tieth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, which is the Hiddekel [or Tigris]; then I lifted 5
up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with fine gold of Ophiz [or Ophir]. His body also was like the chrysolite, and his 6
face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished copper, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude. And I Daniel alone saw the vision; for the men 7
that were with me saw not the vision; but a great quaking fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves. There- 8
fore I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me; for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength. Yet 9
heard I the voice of his words. And when I heard the voice of his words, then was I in a deep sleep on my face, and my face toward the ground.

And, behold, a hand touched me, which set me upon my 10
knees and upon the palms of my hands. And he said to 11
me, 'O Daniel, O man greatly beloved, understand the
'words that I speak to thee, and stand upright; for to thee
'am I now sent.' And when he had spoken this word to
me, I stood up trembling. Then said he to me, 'Fear not, 12

'Daniel; for from the first day that thou didst set thine
'heart to understand, and to afflict thyself before thy God,
'thy words were heard, and I am come because of thy
13 'words. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia with-
'stood me for one and twenty days; but, lo, Michael, one
'of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained
14 'there with the kings of Persia. Now I am come to make
'thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter
15 'days; for the vision is for yet many days.' And when
he had spoken such words to me, I set my face toward the
ground, and I became dumb.

16 And, behold, one like the similitude of the sons of Adam
touched my lips. Then I opened my mouth, and spake,
and said to him that stood before me, 'O my lord, because
'of the vision my sorrows are turned upon me, and I have
17 'retained no strength. For how can the servant of this
'my lord talk with my lord himself? For as for me, there
'now remaineth no strength in me, neither is there breath
'left in me.'

18 Then there came again and touched me one like the
19 appearance of a man, and he strengthened me, and said,
'O man greatly beloved, fear not; peace be unto thee, be
'strong, yea, be strong.' And when he had spoken to me,
I was strengthened and said, 'Let my lord speak; for thou
20 'hast strengthened me.' Then said he, 'Knowest thou
'wherefore I come to thee? And now will I return to fight
'with the prince of Persia; but when I am gone, lo, the
21 'prince of Greece will come. And I will shew thee what is
'noted in the Writings of Truth; and there is none that
'holdeth fast with me in these things, but Michael your
1 'prince. Also I in the first year of Darius the Mede [or
'Cyaxares II., B.C. 538] I stood to confirm and to strengthen
'him.

2 'And now will I shew thee the truth. Behold, there
'shall stand up yet three kings in Persia; and the fourth
'[Xerxes I.] shall be far richer than they all; and by his
'strength through his riches he shall stir up all against the
3 'kingdom of Greece. And a mighty king [Alexander the
'Great] shall stand up, who shall rule with great dominion,
4 'and do according to his own will. And when he shall
'stand up, his kingdom shall be broken, and shall be
'divided toward the four winds of heaven [Macedonia, Asia

'Minor, Syria and Egypt]; and not to his posterity, nor
'according to his dominion with which he ruled; for his
'kingdom shall be plucked up, even for others beside
'those.

'And the king of the South [Ptolemy I.] shall be strong; 5
'and one of his generals, even he shall be strong above
'him, and shall have dominion; his dominion [Syria] shall
'be a great dominion. And at the end of years they shall 6
'make an alliance together; for the king's daughter of the
'South [Berenice] shall come to the king of the North [or
'Syria] to make an agreement [of marriage]; but the arm
'shall not retain power; neither shall he stand, nor his
'arm; and she shall be given up, and they that brought
'her, and her offspring, and whoever strengthened her in
'those times. But out of a branch of her roots shall one 7
'[Ptolemy Euergetes] stand up in his stead, who shall come
'with an army, and shall enter into the fortress of the king
'of the North, and shall deal against them, and shall pre-
'vail; and shall also carry captive into Egypt their gods, 8
'with their molten images, and with their precious vessels
'of silver and of gold; and he shall continue more years
'than the king of the North. So the king of the South 9
'shall come into his kingdom [Syria], and then he shall
'return into his own land.

'But his sons shall carry on the war, and shall assemble 10
'a multitude of great forces; and one [Antiochus the Great]
'shall certainly come, and overwhelm, and pass through.
'Then shall he return, and they shall carry on the war,
'even to his fortress. And the king of the South [Ptolemy 11
'Philopator] shall be moved with anger, and shall come
'forth and fight with him, even with the king of the North;
'and he shall set forth a great multitude; but the multi-
'tude shall be given into his hand. And when he hath 12
'taken away the multitude, his heart shall be lifted up;
'and he shall cast down tens of thousands; but he shall
'not be strengthened. For the king of the North shall 13
'return, and shall set forth a multitude greater than the
'former, and shall certainly come at the end of years with
'a great army and with much riches.

'And in those times there shall many stand up against 14
'the king of the South. Also children of robbers of thy
'people [Israel] shall exalt themselves to establish the

15 'vision; but they shall stumble. So the king of the North
'[Antiochus] shall come, and cast up a siege-mound, and
'shall take a city of fortresses [Sidon]. And the arms of
'the South shall not withstand, neither shall His chosen
'people; neither shall there be any strength to withstand.
16 'But he that cometh against him shall do according to his
'own will, and none shall stand before him; and he shall
'stand in the Land of Beauty [or Palestine], which by his
'hand shall be consumed.
17 'And he shall set his face to enter [Egypt] with the
'strength of his whole kingdom, and upright ones with
'him; thus shall he do. And he shall give to him [Ptol-
'emy Epiphanes] a daughter of women, for her to betray
'him. But she shall not stand, or be for him.
18 'Then shall he turn his face to the isles [or Greece], and
'shall take many; but a commander [Scipio] shall cause
'his reproach of him to cease; without his own reproach
19 'he shall cause it to turn upon him. Then he shall turn
'his face toward the fortress of his own land [Syria]; but
'he shall stumble and fall, and shall not be found.
20 'Then shall stand up in his stead one [Seleucus Philo-
'pator] who sends a tribute collector unto the Glory of the
'Kingdom [or Jerusalem]. But within a few days he shall
'be destroyed, neither in anger, nor in battle.
21 'And in his stead shall stand up a vile person [Antiochus
'Epiphanes], to whom they shall not give the honour of the
'kingdom [of Syria]. But he shall come in peaceably, and
22 'obtain the kingdom by flatteries. And with the arms of
'a flood shall they be overwhelmed before him, and shall
'be broken; yea, also the Ruler of the Covenant [Onias III.].
23 'And after the league made with him he shall work deceit;
'for he shall come up, and shall become strong with a small
24 'people. He shall enter peaceably even upon the fattest
'places of the Province [of Egypt]; and he shall do that
'which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers;
'he shall scatter among them the prey, and the spoil, and
'riches; yea, and he shall devise his devices against the
25 'strongholds, even for a time. And he shall stir up his
'power and his courage against the king of the South with
'a great army.

'And the king of the South shall carry on the war to
'battle with a very great and mighty army; but he shall

'not stand; for they shall devise devices against him. Yea, 26
'they that feed on his delicacies shall destroy him, and his
'army shall be overwhelmed; and many shall fall down
'slain. And both these kings' hearts shall be set to do 27
'mischief, and they shall speak lies at one table; but it
'shall not prosper; for yet the end shall be at the time
'appointed.

'Then shall he [Antiochus] return into his land with 28
'great riches; and his heart shall be against the Holy
'Covenant [in Jerusalem]; and so he shall do; and he shall
'return to his own land.

'At the time appointed he shall return, and come to- 29
'ward the South; but it shall not be as the first time,
'or as the after time. For the ships of Chittim [or the 30
'Romans] shall come against him; and he shall be grieved,
'and shall return, and have indignation against the Holy
'Covenant; so shall he do. Then he shall return, and
'have intelligence with them that forsake the Holy Cove-
'nant. And men's arms shall stand up on his behalf, and 31
'they shall pollute the Sanctuary of the fortress, and shall
'put away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place there the
'Abomination [or idolatrous ensigns] of Desolation. And 32
'the evil-doers of the Covenant shall he corrupt by flat-
'teries; but the people that know their God shall be strong,
'and shall do so. And they that understand among the 33
'people shall instruct the many; yet they shall fall by the
'sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, during
'many days. Now when they shall fall, they shall be helped 34
'with a little help; but many shall cleave to them with
'flatteries. And some of them of understanding shall fall, 35
'in order to make trial of them, and to purge, and to make
'them white, even to the time of the end; because it is yet
'for a time appointed.

'And the king [Antiochus] shall do according to his will; 36
'and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above
'every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the
'God of gods, and shall prosper till *the indignation shall*
'*be accomplished;* for that which is decreed shall be done.
'Neither shall he regard the Gods of his fathers, nor the 37
'delight of women, nor regard any god; for he shall mag-
'nify himself above all. But instead shall he honour 38
'the god of the Fortress of the Sea [or Tyre]; and a god

'whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold,
'and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things.
39 'Thus shall he do in the citadels of the Fortress of the Sea.
'The people of a foreign god, whom he shall acknowledge,
'he will increase with glory; and he will cause them to rule
'over many, and will divide the land for a reward.
40 'And at the time of the end shall the king of the South
'push at him. But the king of the North shall come
'against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with
'horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into
41 'the countries, and shall overwhelm and pass over. He
'shall enter also into the Land of Beauty, and many coun-
'tries shall be overthrown; but these shall escape out of
'his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the
42 'children of Ammon. He shall stretch forth his hand also
'upon the countries; and the land of Egypt shall not escape;
43 'but he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of
'silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; and the
44 'Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps. But
'tidings out of the east [from Parthia] and out of the north
'[from Armenia] shall trouble him. Therefore he shall go
'forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away
45 'with many. And he shall plant the tents of his palace
'between the two seas, on the holy mountain of Beauty [or
'Zion]; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help
'him.
1 'And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince
'who standeth up for the children of thy people; and there
'shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since it was
'a nation to that same time; and at that time thy people
'shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written
2 'in the Book. And many of them that sleep in the dust
'of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some
3 'to shame and everlasting contempt. And they that be
'wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and
'they that turn many to righteousness shall be as the stars
4 'for ever and ever. But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words,
'and seal the Book, until the time of the end; many shall
'search into it, and knowledge shall be increased.'
5 Then I Daniel looked, and, behold, there stood two others,
the one on this side of the bank of the river, and the other
6 on that side of the bank of the river. And one said to the

man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, 'How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?' And I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the 7
waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand to heaven, and sware by Him that liveth for ever, that it shall be for a time, times, and a half; and when he shall have finished scattering the power of the Holy People, all these things shall be finished. And I heard, 8
but I understood not; then said I, 'O my Lord, what will 'be after these things?' And he said, 'Go thy way, Daniel; 9
'for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the 'end. Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; 10
'but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked 'shall understand; but the wise shall understand. And 11
'from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be put away, 'and the Abomination of Desolation shall be set up, there 'shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days. Blessed 12
'is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hun-'dred and five and thirty days. But go thou thy way till the 13
'end be; for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the 'end of the days.'

HOSEA.

THE WORD OF JEHOVAH that came to Hosea, the son of 1
Beeri, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel. The beginning of the word of 2
Jehovah by Hosea. And Jehovah said to Hosea, 'Go, take 'unto thee a wife of lewdness and children of lewdness; 'for the land hath committed great lewdness, departing 'from Jehovah.' So he went and took Gomer the daughter 3
of Diblaim; who conceived and bare to him a son. And 4
Jehovah said to him, 'Call his name Jezreel; for yet a 'little while, and I will avenge the blood of Jezreel upon 'the house of Jehu, and will cause the kingdom of the 'house of Israel to cease. And it shall come to pass at 5
'that day, that I will break the bow of Israel in the valley 'of Jezreel.'

And she conceived again, and bare a daughter. And 6
[God] said to him, 'Call her name Not-pitied; for I will

'no more have pity upon the house of Israel; but I will
7 'utterly take them away. But I will have pity upon the
'house of Judah, and will save them by Jehovah their God.
'And I will not save them by bow, nor by sword, nor by
'battle, by horses, nor by horsemen.'
8 Now when she had weaned Not-pitied, she conceived,
9 and bare a son. Then said [God], Call his name Not-my-
people; for ye are not my people, and I will not be your
10 [God]. Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be
as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor num-
bered; and it shall come to pass, that in the place where
it was said to them, 'Ye are not my people,' there it shall
11 be said to them, 'Ye are the sons of the living God.' And
the children of Judah and the children of Israel shall be
gathered together, and appoint to themselves one head, and
they shall come up out of the land [of Assyria]; for great
1 shall be the day of Jezreel. Say ye to your brethren, 'Ye
'are my people;' and to your sisters, 'Ye are Pitied.'
2 Plead against your mother, plead ye; for she is not my
wife, neither am I her husband. Let her therefore put
away her lewdness out of her sight, and her adulteries from
3 between her breasts; lest I strip her naked, and set her as
in the day that she was born, and make her as the desert,
4 and set her like a dry land, and slay her with thirst. And
I will not have mercy on her children; for they are the
5 children of lewdness. For their mother hath gone astray;
she that conceived them hath done shamefully. For she
said, 'I will go after my lovers, that give me my bread and
'my water, my wool and my flax, mine oil and my strong
6 'drinks.' Therefore, behold, I will hedge up thy way with
thorns, and make a wall, that she shall not find her paths.
7 And she shall follow after her lovers, but she shall not
overtake them; and she shall seek them, but shall not find
them. Then shall she say, 'I will go and return to my
'first husband; for then was it better with me than now.'
8 For she did not know that I gave her the corn, and the
grape juice, and the oil, and multiplied her silver and gold,
9 which they prepared for Baal. Therefore will I return, and
take away my corn in its time, and my grape juice in its
season, and will recover my wool and my flax from covering
0 her nakedness. And now will I uncover her shamefulness
in the sight of her lovers, and none shall deliver her out

of my hand. I will also cause all her mirth to cease, her 11
feast days, her new moons, and her sabbaths, and all her
solemn feasts. And I will make desolate her vines and 12
her fig trees, whereof she hath said, 'These are my rewards
'that my lovers have given me.' And I will make them
a forest, and the wild beasts of the field shall eat them.
And I will punish her for the days of Baal, wherein she 13
burned incense to them, and she decked herself with her
rings and her jewels, and she went after her lovers, and
forgot me; Jehovah hath said it.

Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and bring her into 14
the desert, and speak to her heart. And I will give her her 15
vineyards from thence, and the valley of Achor [or affliction] for a doorway of hope. And she shall sing there, as
in the days of her youth, and as in the day when she came
up out of the land of Lower Egypt. And it shall come to 16
pass at that day, Jehovah hath said it, that thou shalt call
me My Husband; and shalt call me no more My Master
[or My Baal]. For I will take away the names of Baal out 17
of her mouth, and they shall no more be remembered by
their name.

And in that day will I make a covenant for their sakes 18
with the wild beasts of the field, and with the fowls of the
heavens, and with the creeping things of the ground; and
I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of
the earth; and I will make them to lie down in safety.
And I will betroth thee to me for ever; yea, I will betroth 19
thee to me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in loving-
kindness, and in mercies. I will even betroth thee to me 20
in faithfulness; and thou shalt know Jehovah.

And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will give 21
answer, Jehovah hath said it, I will give answer to the
heavens, and they shall give answer to the earth; and the 22
earth shall give answer to the corn, and the grape juice,
and the oil; and they shall give answer to Jezreel. And 23
I will sow her to me in the earth; and I will have pity
upon her that was Not-pitied; and I will say to them that
were Not-my-people, 'Thou art my people;' and they shall
say, 'Thou art my God.'

Then said Jehovah to me, 'Go yet, love a woman that
'loveth a neighbour, and is an adulteress; according to the
'love of Jehovah toward the children of Israel, who look

2 'to other gods, and love cakes of raisins.' So I bought
her to me for fifteen pieces of silver, and for a Homer [or
nine bushels] of barley, and a Lethach [or half Homer] of
3 barley. And I said to her, 'Thou shalt abide for me many
'days; thou shalt not go astray, and thou shalt not be for
4 'another man; so will I also be for thee.' For the children
of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and with-
out a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without a pillar,
and without an Ephod [or priestly robe], and without Te-
5 raphs [or images]. Afterward shall the children of Israel
return, and seek Jehovah their God, and David their king;
and shall fear Jehovah and his goodness in the latter days.

1 HEAR THE WORD OF JEHOVAH, ye children of Israel; for
Jehovah hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the
land, because there is no truth, nor kindness, nor know-
2 ledge of God in the land. Swearing, and lying, and killing,
and stealing, and adultery break forth, and bloodshed touch-
3 eth upon bloodshed. Therefore shall the land mourn, and
every one that dwelleth therein shall languish, with the
wild beasts of the field, and with the fowls of the heavens;
4 yea, the fishes of the sea also shall be taken away. Yet
let no man strive, nor reprove another; for thy people are
5 as they that strive against the priest. Therefore shalt thou
stumble in the day, and the prophet also shall stumble
with thee in the night, and I will destroy thy mother.

6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because
thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, so
that thou shalt be no priest to me; seeing thou hast for-
gotten the Law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.
7 As they were increased, so they sinned against me; there-
8 fore will I change their glory into shame. They eat up
the sin offerings of my people, and they lift up their heart
9 to their iniquity. And it shall come to pass, like people,
like priest. And I will punish them for their ways, and
10 reward them for their doings. For they shall eat, and not
be satisfied; they shall commit fornications, and shall not
increase; because they have ceased to take heed to Jehovah.
11 Lewdness and wine and grape juice take away the heart.

12 My people ask counsel of their blocks of wood, and their
staff declareth it unto them. For the spirit of lewdness
hath caused them to err, and they have gone astray from
13 under their God. They sacrifice on the tops of the moun-

tains, and burn incense on the hills, under oaks and poplars and elms, because the shade thereof is good; therefore your daughters shall commit fornication, and your daughters-in-law shall commit adultery. I will not punish your daughters when they commit fornication, nor your daughters-in-law when they commit adultery; for themselves are separated with harlots, and they sacrifice with fornicators. Therefore the people that doth not understand shall perish. 14

Though thou, Israel, go astray, yet let not Judah be guilty; and come not ye [Judah] unto Gilgal, neither go ye up to Beth-aven, nor swear, 'As Jehovah liveth.' While Israel rebelleth as a rebellious heifer; now Jehovah feedeth them [of Judah] as a lamb in a large place. Ephraim is joined to idols; do ye [Judah] let him alone. When their strong drink is removed, they commit fornication continually; her defenders love to bring shame. The wind hath bound her up in her wings, and they shall be ashamed because of their sacrifices. 15 16 17 18 19

HEAR YE THIS, O PRIESTS; and hearken, ye house of Israel; and give ye ear, O house of the king; for judgment is against you, because ye have been a snare on Mizpah, and a net spread upon Tabor. And by slaughter they make deep their sins, though I have been a rebuker of them all. I know Ephraim, and Israel is not hid from me; for now, O Ephraim, thou committest fornication, and Israel is defiled. They will not frame their doings to turn to their God; for the spirit of fornication is in the midst of them, and they have not known Jehovah. And the pride of Israel doth testify to his face. Therefore shall Israel and Ephraim stumble in their iniquity; Judah also shall stumble with them. They shall go with their flocks and with their herds to seek Jehovah; but they shall not find him; he hath withdrawn himself from them. They have dealt treacherously against Jehovah; for they have begotten strange children. Now shall the month [by usury] devour them with their portions. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Blow ye the cornet in Gibeah, and the trumpet in Ramah; they cry aloud at Beth-aven after thee, O Benjamin. Ephraim shall be desolate in the day of rebuke; among the tribes of Israel have I made known what is certain. The princes of Judah were like them that remove a boundary; therefore I will pour out my wrath upon them like water. 8 9 10

11 Ephraim is oppressed and broken in judgment, because
12 he willingly walked after the Decree [of Jeroboam]. Therefore will I be unto Ephraim as a moth, and to the house
13 of Judah as rottenness. When Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah saw his wound, then went Ephraim to the Assyrian, and sent to king Jareb [or Sennacherib]. Yet
14 could he not heal you, nor cure you of your wound. For I will be unto Ephraim as a roaring lion, and as a young lion to the house of Judah; I, even I, will tear and go
15 away; I will take away, and none shall rescue. I will go and return to my place, till they own themselves guilty, and seek my face. In their affliction they will seek me early.

1 'Come, and let us return to Jehovah; for he hath torn,
'and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us
2 'up. After two days will he revive us; on the third day
3 'he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight. Then
'shall we know, we shall follow on to know Jehovah. His
'going forth is prepared as the daybreak; and he will come
'to us as the rain, as the latter rain which watereth the
'earth.'

4 O Ephraim, what shall I do to thee? O Judah, what shall
I do to thee? for your goodness is as a morning cloud, and
5 as the early dew it goeth away. Therefore have I hewed them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth; and my judgments are as the light that goeth
6 forth. For I delight in kindness, and not in sacrifice; and
7 the knowledge of God is more than burnt offerings. But
8 they like men have transgressed the covenant; there have
9 they dealt treacherously against me. Gilead is a city of them that work iniquity, and is slippery with blood. And as troops of robbers wait for a man, so the company of priests murder on the way to Shechem; for they commit
10 lewdness. I have seen a horrible thing in the house of
11 Israel; there is the fornication of Ephraim, Israel is defiled. Also for thee, O Judah, a harvest is appointed.

When I would have brought home the captivity of my
1 people, when I would have healed Israel, then the iniquity of Ephraim was discovered, and the wickedness of Samaria. For they commit falsehood; and the thief cometh in, and
2 the troop of robbers spoileth outside. And they consider

not in their hearts that I remember all their wickedness.
Now their own doings have beset them about; they are
before my face. They make the king glad with their 3
wickedness, and the princes with their lies. They are all 4
adulterers, as an oven heated by the baker, who ceaseth
from stirring after he hath kneaded the dough, until it be
leavened. On the [birth] day of our king the princes were 5
sick with the heat of wine; he stretched out his hand with
scorners. For they have made ready their heart like an 6
oven, while they lie in wait; their baker sleepeth all the
night; in the morning it burneth as a flaming fire. They 7
are all hot as an oven, and have devoured their judges; all
their kings are fallen; no one among them calleth to me.
Ephraim, he hath mixed himself among the Nations. 8
Ephraim is a cake not turned. Strangers have devoured 9
his strength, and he knoweth it not; yea, gray hairs are
sprinkled upon him, yet he knoweth not. And the pride 10
of Israel testifieth to his face; and they return not to Jeho-
vah their God, nor seek him for all this.

Ephraim also is like an enticed dove without sense; they 11
call to Egypt, they go to Assyria. When they shall go, I 12
will spread my net over them; I will bring them down as
the fowls of the heavens; I will chastise them, as hath been
made known to their congregation.

Woe unto them! for they have fled from me. Destruc- 13
tion is upon them! because they have transgressed against
me. Though I redeemed them, yet they have spoken lies
against me. And they cried not to me with their heart, 14
when they howled upon their beds. They assemble them-
selves for corn and grape juice; they rebel against me.
Though I have chastised and strengthened their arms, yet 15
do they imagine mischief against me. They return not to 16
the Most High. They are like a deceitful bow. Their
princes shall fall by the sword for the rage of their tongue.
This shall be their derision in the land of Egypt.

Set the trumpet to thy mouth. [It cometh] as an eagle 1
against the House of Jehovah, because they have trans-
gressed my covenant, and have trespassed against my law.
Israel will cry to me, 'My God, we know thee.' Israel hath 2
cast off what is good; the enemy shall pursue him. They 3
have set up kings, but not by me; they have made princes, 4

and I knew it not. Of their silver and their gold have
they made for themselves idols, so that they may be cut
off.
5 Thy calf, O Samaria, hath cast thee off; mine anger is
kindled against them; how long will it be ere they attain
6 to innocence? For of Israel is this also. The workman
made it; and it is not a god; but the calf of Samaria shall
7 be broken in pieces. For they sow the wind, and they
shall reap the whirlwind. It hath no stalk; the bud shall
yield no meal; if so be it yield, the strangers shall swallow
it up.
8 Israel is swallowed up; now shall they be among the
9 Nations as a vessel wherein man hath no pleasure. For
they are gone up to Assyria, as a wild ass alone by himself;
10 Ephraim hath hired lovers. Yea, though they have hired
among the Nations, now will I gather them, and they shall
be free for a little while from the tribute of the king of
11 princes [or Sennacherib]. Because Ephraim hath made
many altars to sin, the altars shall be unto him for a sin.
12 I have written to him many things of my Law, but they
13 were counted as a strange thing. They sacrifice flesh as
the sacrifices of mine offerings, and eat it; but Jehovah
accepteth them not. Now will he remember their iniquity,
14 and visit their sins; they shall return into Egypt. For
Israel hath forgotten his Maker, and buildeth temples; and
Judah hath multiplied fenced cities. But I will send a fire
upon his cities, and it shall devour the palaces thereof.
1 Rejoice not, O Israel, joy not, as other people; for thou
hast gone astray from thy God, thou hast loved hire upon
2 every threshing-floor of the corn. The threshing-floor and
the winepress shall not feed them, and the grape juice shall
3 fail in her. They shall not dwell in Jehovah's land; but
Ephraim shall return to Egypt, and they shall eat unclean
4 things in Assyria. They shall not pour out wine offerings
to Jehovah, neither shall their sacrifices be pleasing to him;
they shall be to them as the bread of mourners; all that
eat thereof shall be polluted. For their bread for their
5 appetite shall not come into the House of Jehovah. What
will ye do in the solemn day, and in the day of the
6 feast of Jehovah? For, lo, they are gone because of de-
struction. Egypt shall gather them up, Memphis shall bury
them. The pleasant places for their silver, nettles shall

possess; thorns shall be in their tents. The days of visitation are come, the days of recompence are come; Israel shall know it. The prophet is a fool, the spiritual man is in a frenzy, for the multitude of thine iniquity, and the great hatred. The watchman of Ephraim was with my God; 8
but the prophet is a snare of a fowler in all his ways; hatred is in the house of his God. They have deeply corrupted themselves, as in the days of Gibeah; therefore he will remember their iniquity, he will visit their sins.

I found Israel like grapes in the desert. I saw your 10
fathers as the first-ripe on the fig tree at her first time. But they went to Baal-peor, and separated themselves unto shame; and their abominations were according as they loved. As for Ephraim, their glory shall fly away like a 11
bird, from the birth, and from the womb, and from the conception. If they bring up their sons, yet will I bereave 12
them of men; yea, woe also to them when I depart from them! Ephraim, as I saw, was on a rock, planted in a quiet 13
place; but Ephraim shall bring forth his children to the murderer.

'Give to them, O Jehovah; what wilt thou give? Give 14
'to them a miscarrying womb and dry breasts.'

All their wickedness is in Gilgal; for there I hated them. 15
For the wickedness of their doings I will drive them out of my House, I will love them no more; all their princes are rebels. Ephraim is smitten, their root is dried up, they 16
shall bear no fruit. Yea, though they bring forth, yet will I slay even the desire of their womb. My God will cast 17
them away, because they did not hearken to him; and they shall be wanderers among the Nations.

Israel is a flourishing vine, he bringeth forth his fruit. 1
According to the multitude of his fruit he hath increased the altars; according to the goodness of his land they have made their images goodly. Their heart is divided; now shall 2
they be found guilty. He shall break down their altars, he shall destroy their images. For now they say, 'We have 3
'no king, because we feared not Jehovah; and what should 'a king do for us?' They have spoken mere words, swearing falsely in making a covenant; thus judgment springeth 4
up as hemlock in the furrows of the field. The inhabitants 5
of Samaria shall fear for the calf of Beth-aven. For its people shall mourn over it, and its idolatrous priests that

rejoiced on it, for its glory, because it is departed from it.
6 It shall be also carried to Assyria as a present to king
Jareb [or Sennacherib]. Ephraim shall receive shame, and
7 Israel shall be ashamed of his own counsel. Samaria is
cut off, her king is as the foam upon the face of the water.
8 The High Places also of Aven [or Beth-el], the sin of Israel,
shall be destroyed; the thorn and the thistle shall come
up on their altars. And they shall say to the mountains,
'Cover us;' and to the hills, 'Fall on us.'
9 O Israel, thou hast been sinning from the days of Gibeah;
there they stood. Shall not the battle in Gibeah against
10 the children of iniquity overtake them? It is in my desire
that I should chastise them; and the Nations shall be ga-
thered against them, when I shall chastise them for their
11 two iniquities. And Ephraim is as a heifer that is taught.
I wished her to tread out the corn; and I passed a yoke
upon her fair neck. I will make Ephraim to carry a rider;
Judah shall plow, and Jacob shall break the clods for him.
12 Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap kindness accord-
ingly. Break up your fallow ground; for it is time to seek
Jehovah, till he come and rain down righteousness upon
13 you. Ye have plowed wickedness, ye have reaped iniquity;
ye have eaten the fruit of falsehood; because thou didst
trust in thine own way, in the multitude of thy warriors.
14 Therefore shall a tumult arise among thy people, and all
thy fortresses shall be spoiled, as Shalman [or Shalmanezer]
spoiled Beth-arbel in the day of battle. The mother was
15 dashed in pieces upon her children. So shall Beth-el do
to you because of your wicked wickedness; at daybreak
shall the king of Israel be utterly cut off.
1 When Israel was a child, then I loved him; and I called
2 my son out of Egypt. But when they called them, so they
went from them; they sacrificed to Baal, and burned in-
3 cense to graven images. I taught Ephraim also to walk,
taking them by their arms; but they knew not that I
4 healed them. I drew them with the cords of a man, with
the bands of love; and I was to them as they that take
the yoke off their jaws, and I laid food before them.
5 He shall not return into the land of Egypt, but the Assy-
rian [Sennacherib] shall be his king, because they refused
6 to return. And the sword shall go about in his cities, and
shall consume his crossbars, and devour them, because of

their counsels. And my people are bent on backsliding 7
from me; though they are called to the Most High, none
at all will exalt him.

How shall I do with thee, Ephraim? Shall I deliver 8
thee, Israel? How shall I make thee as Admah? Shall I
set thee as Zeboim? My heart is turned within me, my
repentings are kindled together. I will not execute the fierce- 9
ness of mine anger, I will not return to destroy Ephraim.
For I am God, and not man, the Holy One in the midst
of thee; and I will not come in anger. They shall walk 10
after Jehovah. He will roar like a lion. When he shall
roar, then the children shall hasten from the west. They 11
shall hasten as a bird out of Egypt, and as a dove out of
the land of Assyria; and I will place them in their houses;
Jehovah hath said it.

Ephraim encompasseth me with falsehood, and the house 12
of Israel with deceit; and Judah yet acteth disobediently
toward God, even toward the Most Holy and faithful One.
Ephraim feedeth on wind, and followeth after the east 1
wind. He daily increaseth lies and desolation; and they
make a covenant with the Assyrians, and oil is carried into
Egypt. Jehovah hath a controversy also with Judah, and 2
will punish Jacob according to his ways; according to his
doings will he recompense him. He took his brother by 3
the heel in the womb, and by his strength he wrestled
with God. Yea, he wrestled with the angel, and prevailed. 4
He wept, and made supplication unto him. He found him
in Beth-el, and there he spake with him, even Jehovah the 5
God of hosts; Jehovah is his memorial. Therefore return 6
thou to thy God; keep kindness and judgment, and wait
on thy God continually.

Ephraim is a merchant, deceitful balances are in his hand; 7
he loveth to oppress; and he saith, 'Yet I am become rich, 8
'I have found for myself substance; in all my labours they
'shall find no iniquity in me that were sin.' And I Jeho- 9
vah that have been thy God from the land of Egypt will
yet make thee to dwell in tents, as in the days of the
solemn feast. I have also spoken by the prophets, and I 10
have multiplied visions, and used parables, by the hand of
the prophets. Is there iniquity in Gilead? Surely they 11
are vanity; they sacrifice bullocks in Gilgal; yea, their
altars are as heaps of stones in the furrows of the fields.

12 And Jacob fled into the country of Syria, and Israel served
13 for a wife, and for a wife he watched over [sheep]. And
by a prophet Jehovah brought Israel out of Egypt, and by
14 a prophet was he watched over. Ephraim provoked him
to anger most bitterly; therefore his bloodshed shall be
left upon him, and his reproach will his Lord return unto
him.

1 When Ephraim spake with trembling, he was exalted in
Israel; but when he was guilty in the matter of Baal, he
2 died. And now they sin more and more, and have made
to them molten images of their silver, and idols according
to their own understanding, all of it the work of the crafts-
3 men. They say of them, 'Let the men that sacrifice kiss
'the calves.' Therefore they shall be as the morning cloud,
and as the early dew that passeth away, as the chaff that is
driven by the whirlwind off the threshing-floor, and as the
smoke out of the window.

4 Yet I Jehovah have been thy God from the land of
Egypt, and thou shalt know no god but me; for there is
5 no saviour beside me. I did know thee in the desert, in
6 the land of drought. According to their feeding, so were
they filled; they were filled, and their heart was exalted;
7 therefore they forgot me. And I will be to them as a roar-
ing lion; as a leopard by the way will I lie on the watch.
8 I will meet them as a bear that is bereaved of her whelps,
and will rend the coating of their heart, and there will I
devour them like a lioness; the wild beasts of the field shall
tear them.

9 O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself; for thou art against
10 me, against thy help. Where is now thy king [Hoshea],
that he may save thee in all thy cities? and thy Judges to
11 whom thou saidst, 'Give me a king and princes'? I gave
thee a king in mine anger, and I took him away in my
wrath.

12 The iniquity of Ephraim is stored up; his sin is trea-
13 sured up. The pains of a travailing woman shall come upon
him. He is an unwise son; for he did not stay his time
14 at the childbirth. I would have ransomed them from the
hand of Hell; I would have redeemed them from death.
O Death, where will be thy plagues? O Hell, where will
be thy destruction? But repentance is hidden from mine
eyes.

Though he be fruitful among his brethren, an east wind 15
shall come, the wind of Jehovah shall come up from the
desert; and his spring shall become dry, and his fountain
shall be dried up. It shall spoil the treasure of all pleasant
vessels. Samaria is guilty; for she hath rebelled against 16
her God. They shall fall by the sword; their babes shall
be dashed in pieces, and their women with child shall be
ripped up.

O Israel, return to Jehovah thy God; for thou hast 1
fallen by thine iniquity. Take with you words, and turn 2
to Jehovah. Say to him, 'Take away all iniquity, and
'bring the good; so will we give in return the fruit of our
'lips. The Assyrian shall not save us; we will not ride 3
'upon horses. Neither will we say any more to the work
'of our hands, Ye are our gods. For in Thee the fatherless
'findeth mercy.'

I will heal their backsliding, I will love them of my free- 4
will; for mine anger is turned away from him. I will be 5
as the dew unto Israel. He shall flourish as the lily, and
strike forth his roots as Lebanon. His branches shall spread, 6
and his beauty shall be as the olive tree, and his scent as
Lebanon. They that dwell under his shade shall return; 7
they shall revive as the corn, and flourish as the vine. The
memory thereof shall be as the wine of Lebanon. Ephraim 8
[shall say], 'What have I to do any more with idols?' I
have afflicted him, and I will observe him; I am like a
green fir tree. From me is thy fruit found.

Who is wise, and he shall understand these things? 9
prudent, and he shall know them? For the ways of Jeho-
vah are right, and the righteous walk in them. But the
transgressors shall stumble therein.

JOEL.

THE WORD OF JEHOVAH that came to Joel the son of Pe- 1
thuel. Hear this, ye old men, and give ear, all ye inha- 2
bitants of the land. Hath this been in your days, or even
in the days of your fathers? Tell ye your children of it, 3
and let your children tell their children, and their children
another generation. That which the grasshopper hath left 4
hath the caterpillar eaten; and that which the caterpillar

hath left hath the locust eaten; and that which the locust hath left hath the great locust eaten.

5 Awake, ye drunkards, and weep; and howl, all ye drinkers of wine, because of the grape juice; for it is cut off from
6 your mouth. For a nation [Assyria] is come up upon my land, strong, and without number, whose teeth are the teeth of a lion, and he hath the cheek teeth of a lioness.
7 He hath laid my vine waste, and barked my fig tree; he hath made it clean bare, and cast it away; its branches are made white.

8 Lament like a maiden girded with sackcloth for the hus-
9 band of her youth. The meal offering and the drink offering are cut off from the House of Jehovah; the priests,
10 Jehovah's ministers, mourn. The field is wasted, the land mourneth; for the corn is wasted, the grape juice is dried up, the oil languisheth.

11 Be ye ashamed, O ye husbandmen; howl, O ye vine-
12 dressers, because of the wheat and because of the barley; for the harvest of the field is perished. The vine is dried up, and the fig tree languisheth; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple tree, even all the trees of the field, are withered; because joy is withered away from the sons of Adam.

13 Gird yourselves, and lament, ye priests; howl, ye ministers of the altar; come, lie all night in sackcloth, ye ministers of my God; for the meal offering and the drink offer-
14 ing is withheld from the House of your God. Sanctify ye a fast, proclaim a day of restraint [from work], gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land into the House of
15 Jehovah your God, and cry to Jehovah, 'Alas for the day!' For the day of Jehovah is at hand, and as a destruction
16 from the Almighty it cometh. Is not the food cut off before our eyes, yea, joy and gladness from the House of our God?

17 The seed is rotten under their clods, the garners are laid desolate, the barns are broken down; for the corn is withered.
18 How do the beasts groan! The herds of cattle are per-
19 plexed, because they have no pasture; yea, the flocks of sheep perish. O Jehovah, to thee will I cry; for the fire hath devoured the pastures of the desert, and the flame hath
20 burned all the trees of the field. The cattle of the field cry

also to thee; for the pools of waters are dried up, and the fire hath devoured the pastures of the desert.

Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm on my 1
holy mountain; let all the inhabitants of the land tremble. For the day of Jehovah cometh, for it is nigh at hand; a 2
day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness. There is a great people and a strong [the Assyrians] spread like the daybreak upon the mountains; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall there be any more after it, even to the years of generations and generations. A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a 3
flame burneth. The land is as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a wasted desert; yea, and nothing shall escape them. The appearance of them is as the appear- 4
ance of horses; and as horsemen, so do they run. Like the 5
noise of chariots on the tops of mountains they leap, like the noise of a flame of fire that devoureth the stubble, like a strong people set in battle array. Before their face nations 6
are much pained; all faces lose their colour. They run like 7
warriors; they climb the wall like men of war; and they march every one on his ways, and they vary not from their paths; neither doth one thrust another; they walk every 8
warrior in his own path; and when they fall upon the sword, they are not wounded. They run to and fro in the city; 9
they run upon the wall, they climb up upon the houses; they enter in by the windows like a thief. The earth quaketh 10
before them; the heavens tremble; the sun and moon are dark, and the stars withdraw their shining. And Jehovah 11
uttereth his voice before his army; for his camp is very great. For he is strong that executeth His word; for the day of Jehovah is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?

Therefore also now, Jehovah hath said it, turn ye to me 12
with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning. And rend your heart, and not your 13
garments, and turn to Jehovah your God; for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. Who knoweth if he will return and 14
repent, and will leave a blessing behind him; even a meal offering and a drink offering unto Jehovah your God?

Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, proclaim a day 15

16 of restraint [from work]. Gather the people, sanctify the assembly, bring together the elders, gather the little children, and those that suck the breasts; let the bridegroom go forth out of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet.
17 Let the priests, the ministers of Jehovah, weep between the porch and the Altar, and let them say, 'Have pity on thy 'people, O Jehovah, and give not thy heritage to reproach, 'that the Nations should rule over them. Wherefore should 'they say among the nations, Where is their God?'
18 Then will Jehovah be jealous for his land, and pity his
19 people. Yea, Jehovah will answer and say to his people, 'Behold, I will send you corn, and grape juice, and oil, and 'ye shall be satisfied therewith; and I will no more make
20 'you a reproach among the Nations. But I will remove far 'off from you the northern people, and will drive him into a 'land barren and desolate, with his face toward the East Sea, 'and his rear toward the Western Sea, and his stink shall 'come up, and his ill savour shall come up, because he hath 'done great things.'
21 Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice; for Jehovah will
22 do great things. Be not afraid, ye cattle of the field; for the pastures of the desert do spring up, for the tree beareth its fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength.
23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in Jehovah your God. For he giveth you the early rain in just measure, and he causeth to come down for you the showers, the
24 early rain, and the latter rain as formerly. And the threshing-floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow
25 with grape juice and oil. And I will repay you for the years that the grasshopper hath eaten, the locust, and the great locust, and the caterpillar, my great army which I
26 sent among you. And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of Jehovah your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you; and my people shall never be
27 ashamed. And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am Jehovah your God, and none else. And my people shall never be ashamed.
28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams,
29 your young men shall see visions. And also upon the men-servants and upon the handmaids in those days will

I pour out my spirit. And I will shew wonders in the 30
heavens and on the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of
smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the 31
moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of
Jehovah come. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever 32
shall call on the name of Jehovah shall escape; for on
mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as Jeho-
vah hath said, and among the remnant whom Jehovah shall
call.

For, behold, in those days, and at that time, when I 1
shall bring back home the captivity of Judah and Jerusa-
lem, I will also gather all the Nations, and will bring them 2
down into the valley of Jehoshaphat [or Jehovah judgeth],
and I will judge them there for my people and for my
heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the Na-
tions. And they parted my land, and they cast lots for 3
my people; and have given a boy for a harlot, and sold a
girl for wine, that they might drink.

Yea, and what have ye to do with me, O Tyre, and Sidon, 4
and all the Circle of the Philistines? Will ye repay to me
a recompence? And if ye do recompense me, swiftly and
speedily will I return your recompence upon your own head;
because ye have taken my silver and my gold, and have 5
carried into your own temples my goodly pleasant things.
The children also of Judah and the children of Jerusalem 6
have ye sold to the children of the Greeks, that ye might
remove them far from their boundary. Behold, I will raise 7
them out of the place whither ye have sold them, and I
will return your recompence upon your own head. And I 8
will sell your sons and your daughters into the hand of the
children of Judah, and they shall sell them to the men of
Sheba, to a nation far off; for Jehovah hath spoken it.

Proclaim ye this among the Nations; Consecrate the war, 9
wake up the warriors, let all the men of war draw near;
let them come up. Beat your plowshares into swords; and 10
your pruninghooks into spears; let the weak say, 'I am
'strong.' Hasten, and come, all ye Nations round about, 11
and gather yourselves together; thither wilt thou cause thy
warriors to come down, O Jehovah. Let the Nations be 12
awakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat; for
there will I sit to judge all the nations round about.

Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, get 13

you down; for the winepress is full, the vats overflow; for
11 their wickedness is great. Multitudes, multitudes are in
the valley of judgment; for the day of Jehovah is near in
15 the valley of judgment. The sun and the moon shall be
16 darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining. Jehovah also will roar out of Zion, and will utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake. But Jehovah will be the hope of his people, and the strength
17 of the children of Israel. So shall ye know that I am Jehovah your God dwelling on Zion, my holy mountain; then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more.

18 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the mountains shall drop down grape juice, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the pools of Judah shall flow with waters, and a fountain shall come forth out of the House of Jeho-
19 vah, and shall water the valley of Shittim. Egypt shall be a desolation, and Edom shall be a wasted desert, for the violence against the children of Judah, because they have
20 shed innocent blood in their land. But Judah shall dwell for ever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation.
21 For I will cleanse them of the bloodshed that I have not cleansed; for Jehovah dwelleth in Zion.

AMOS.

1 THE WORDS OF AMOS, who was among the herdsmen of Tekoa, of which he had a vision concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel, two years before the
2 earthquake. And he said, Jehovah will roar from Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the pastures of the shepherds shall mourn, and the top of Carmel shall wither.

3 Thus saith Jehovah; For three transgressions of Damascus, and for four, I will not restore it; because they have
4 threshed Gilead with threshing instruments of iron. But I will send a fire into the house of Hazael, which shall
5 devour the palaces of Ben-hadad. I will break also the cross bars of Damascus, and cut off the inhabitant from the valley of Aven, and him that holdeth the sceptre from

Beth-Eden; and the people of Syria shall go into captivity to Kir, saith Jehovah.

Thus saith Jehovah; For three transgressions of Gaza, and for four, I will not restore it; because they carried away captive the whole body of captives, to deliver them up to Edom. But I will send a fire on the wall of Gaza, which shall devour its palaces. And I will cut off the inhabitant from Ashdod, and him that holdeth the sceptre from Askalon, and I will turn my hand against Ekron. And the remnant of the Philistines shall perish, saith the Lord Jehovah.

Thus saith Jehovah; For three transgressions of Tyre, and for four, I will not restore it; because they delivered up the whole body of captives to Edom, and remembered not the covenant of brethren. But I will send a fire on 1
the wall of Tyre, which shall devour its palaces.

Thus saith Jehovah; For three transgressions of Edom, 1
and for four, I will not restore it; because he did pursue his brother with the sword, and did cast off all his pity, and his anger teareth perpetually, and he keepeth his wrath for ever. But I will send a fire upon Teman, which shall 1
devour the palaces of Bozrah.

Thus saith Jehovah; For three transgressions of the chil- 1
dren of Ammon, and for four, I will not restore them; because they have ripped up the women with child of Gilead, in order that they might enlarge their boundary. But I 1
will kindle a fire in the wall of Rabbah, and it shall devour its palaces, with a shout in the day of battle, with a tempest in the day of the whirlwind. And their king shall go 1
into captivity, he and his princes together, saith Jehovah.

Thus saith Jehovah; For three transgressions of Moab, 1
and for four, I will not restore it; because he burned the bones of the king of Edom into lime. But I will send a 2
fire upon Moab, and it shall devour the palaces of Kerioth; and Moab shall die with a noise, with a shout, and with the sound of the trumpet. And I will cut off the judge from 3
the midst thereof, and will slay all its princes with him, saith Jehovah.

Thus saith Jehovah; For three transgressions of Judah, 4
and for four, I will not restore them; because they have despised the Law of Jehovah, and have not kept his statutes, and their deceivers, after whom their fathers walked, have

caused them to err. But I will send a fire upon Judah,
and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem.
Thus saith Jehovah; For three transgressions of Israel,
and for four, I will not restore them; because they sold the
righteous for silver, and the poor in exchange for a pair of
shoes. They wish for the dust of the earth on the head of
the poor, and turn aside the way of the meek; and a man
and his father will go in unto the same young woman, to
profane my holy name. And they lay themselves down
upon clothes taken in pledge near every altar, and the wine
of those condemned in fines they drink in the house of their
god.
Yet I destroyed the Amorite before them, whose height
was like the height of the cedars, and he was strong as the
oaks; yet I destroyed his fruit from above, and his roots
from beneath. Also I brought you up from the land of
Egypt, and led you for forty years through the desert, to
possess the land of the Amorites. And I raised up some
of your sons for prophets, and some of your young men for
Nazarites. Is it not even thus, O ye children of Israel?
Jehovah hath said it. But ye gave to the Nazarites wine
to drink; and commanded the prophets, saying, 'Prophesy
'not.' Behold, I am pressed under you, as a cart is pressed
that is full of sheaves. Therefore flight shall perish from
the swift, and the strong man shall not strengthen his force,
neither shall the warrior save his life. Neither shall he
stand that handleth the bow; and the swift of foot shall
not escape. Neither shall he that rideth the horse save
his life. And he that is strong of heart among the warriors
shall flee away naked in that day; Jehovah hath said it.
HEAR YE THIS WORD that Jehovah hath spoken against
you, O children of Israel, against the whole family which
I brought up from the land of Egypt, saying, 'You only
'have I known of all the families of the earth;' therefore I
will punish you for all your iniquities. Can two walk to-
gether, except they be agreed? Will a lion roar in the forest,
when it hath no prey? Will a young lion give forth its voice
out of its den, if it have taken nothing? Can a bird fall into
a snare upon the earth, when there is no trap for it? Shall
one lift up a snare from the ground, when it hath taken
nothing at all? Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and
the people not be afraid? Shall there be evil in a city, and

Jehovah hath not done it? Surely the Lord Jehovah doeth nothing, without revealing his secret counsel to his servants the prophets. The lion hath roared, who will not fear? The Lord Jehovah hath spoken, who will not prophesy?

Publish ye in the palaces at Ashdod, and in the palaces in the land of Egypt, and say, 'Assemble yourselves upon 'the mountains of Samaria, and behold the great tumults 'in the midst thereof, and the oppressed in the midst 'thereof.' For they know not how to do right, Jehovah 10
hath said it, who store up violence and robbery in their palaces. Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah; An adver- 11
sary there shall be even round about the land; and he shall bring down thy strength from thee, and thy palaces shall be plundered.

Thus saith Jehovah; As the shepherd delivereth out of 12
the mouth of the lion two legs, or a piece of an ear; so shall the children of Israel be delivered that dwell in Samaria on the corner of a bed, and in Damascus on a couch.

Hear ye, and bear witness in the house of Jacob, the 13
Lord Jehovah, the God of hosts, hath said it, that in the 14
day that I shall visit the transgressions of Israel upon him, I will also visit the altars of Beth-el; and the horns of the altar shall be cut off, and fall to the ground. And I will 15
smite the winter house with the summer house; and the houses of ivory shall perish, and the great houses shall have an end; Jehovah hath said it.

Hear ye this word, ye cows of Bashan [or Syrian 1
women], that are in the hill country of Samaria, who oppress the poor, who crush the needy, who say to their masters, 'Bring, and let us drink.' The Lord Jehovah hath sworn 2
by his holiness, that, lo, the days shall come upon you, that he will take you away with hooks, and your posterity with fishhooks. And ye shall go out at the breaches, every 3
woman straight before her; and ye shall be cast into the palace-tower; Jehovah hath said it.

Come to Beth-el, and transgress; at Gilgal multiply 4
transgression; and bring your sacrifices every morning, and your tithes on the third year; and burn incense of thanksgiving with leaven, and proclaim and publish the freewill offerings; for this pleaseth you, O ye children of Israel; the Lord Jehovah hath said it.

And I also have given you cleanness of teeth in all your 6

cities, and want of bread in all your places; yet ye have not returned to me; Jehovah hath said it.

7 And also I have withheld the showers from you, when there were yet three months to the harvest. And I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city. One piece was rained upon, and the piece
8 whereupon it rained not, withered. So two or three cities wandered unto one city, to drink water; but they were not satisfied; yet ye have not returned to me; Jehovah hath said it.

9 I have smitten you with blight and mildew; the multitude of your gardens and your vineyards and your fig trees and your olive trees hath the caterpillar devoured; yet ye have not returned to me; Jehovah hath said it.

10 I have sent among you the pestilence after the manner of Egypt; your young men have I slain with the sword, when I took your horses into captivity; and I have made the stink of your camps to come up into your nostrils; yet ye have not returned to me; Jehovah hath said it.

11 I have overthrown some among you, as God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and ye were as a firebrand plucked out of the burning; yet ye have not returned to me; Jehovah hath said it.

12 Therefore thus will I do to thee, O Israel; and because I will do this to thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel.
13 For, lo, He that formed the mountains, and created the wind, and declareth to man what is his thought, he that maketh the daybreak out of darkness, and treadeth upon the high places of the earth, Jehovah, the God of hosts, is his name.

1 HEAR YE THIS WORD which I take up against you as a lamentation, O house of Israel;

2 'The virgin of Israel is fallen; she shall no more rise;
'She is forsaken upon her land; no one raiseth her up.'

3 For thus saith the Lord Jehovah; The city that went forth a thousand shall leave a hundred, and that which went forth a hundred shall leave ten, to the house of Israel.

4 For thus saith Jehovah to the house of Israel, Seek ye
5 me, and ye shall live; but seek not Beth-el, nor enter into Gilgal, and pass not to Beer-sheba. For Gilgal shall surely go into captivity, and Beth-el shall become nought [or Beth-
6 aven]. Seek Jehovah, and ye shall live; lest he break out

like fire on the house of Joseph, and devour it, and there
be none to quench it in Beth-el. Ye who turn judgment
to wormwood, and cast righteousness on to the earth, [seek] 8
him that made the Cluster [or the Pleiades] and Orion, and
turneth the shadow of death into the morning, and maketh
the day dark with night; that calleth for the waters of the
sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth; Jeho-
vah is his name; who bringeth destruction against the 9
strong, so that destruction cometh against the fortress.

They hate him that rebuketh at the city gate, and they 10
abhor him that speaketh uprightly. Forasmuch therefore 11
as ye trample upon the poor, and ye take from him burdens
of wheat; ye have built houses of hewn stone, but ye shall
not dwell in them; ye have planted pleasant vineyards, but
ye shall not drink wine of them. For I know your many 12
transgressions and your mighty sins; ye who afflict the
righteous, who take a bribe, and who turn aside the poor
at the city gate. Therefore the prudent shall keep silence in 13
that time; for it is an evil time.

Seek good, and not evil, so that ye may live; and thus 14
Jehovah, the God of hosts, will be with you, as ye have
said. Hate evil, and love good, and establish justice at the 15
city gate; it may be that Jehovah the God of hosts will be
gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Therefore Jehovah, the God of hosts, the Lord, saith 16
thus; Mourning shall be in all broad places; and they shall
say in all the streets, 'Alas! alas!' and they shall call the
plowman to wailing, and there shall be mourning among
such as are skilful in lamentation. And in all vineyards 17
shall be mourning; for I will pass through the midst of
thee, saith Jehovah.

Alas for you that desire the day of Jehovah! To what 18
end is it for you? The day of Jehovah will be darkness,
and not light. As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear 19
met him; or went into the house, and placed his hand on
the wall, and a serpent bit him. Shall not the day of Jeho- 20
vah be darkness, and not light? even thick darkness, and
no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your feast days, and I will not smell on 21
your days of restraint [from work]. Though ye offer unto 22
me burnt offerings and your meal offerings, I will not accept
them; neither will I regard the peace offerings of your fat

23 beasts. Take thou away from me the noise of thy songs;
24 for I will not hear the melody of thy psalteries. But let judgment roll down as waters, and righteousness as an unfailing stream.
25 Did ye bring to me sacrifices and meal offerings in the
26 desert for forty years, O house of Israel? Yet ye have carried the tabernacle of your Moloch and Chiun your images, the star of your god, which ye made to yourselves.
27 Therefore will I cause you to go into captivity beyond Damascus, saith Jehovah, whose name is The God of hosts.
1 Alas for them that are at ease in Zion, and who feel safe in the hill country of Samaria, who are nobles of the chief
2 of nations, to whom the house of Israel came! Pass ye over to Calneh, and see; and from thence go ye to Great Hamath; then go down to Gath of the Philistines; are they better than these kingdoms? or is their border greater than
3 your border? [Alas for] them that put far away the evil
4 day, and cause the seat of violence to come near; that lie upon beds of ivory, and stretch themselves upon their couches, and eat lambs out of the flock, and calves out of the midst
5 of the stall; that chant to the sound of the psaltery, and
6 invent to themselves instruments of music, like David; that drink wine in bowls, and anoint themselves with the chief ointments; but they are not grieved for the affliction of
7 Joseph. Therefore now shall they go captive with the first that go captive, and the cheerful noise of them that stretched themselves on couches shall be removed.
8 The Lord Jehovah hath sworn by himself, Jehovah the God of hosts hath said it, I abhor the excellence of Jacob, and hate his palaces; therefore will I deliver up the city
9 with all that is therein. And it shall come to pass, if there
10 remain ten men in one house, that they shall die. And a man's uncle, or he that burneth him, shall take him up, to bring out the bones out of the house, and shall say to him that is in the inside of the house, 'Is there yet any with 'thee?' And he shall say, 'No.' Then shall he say, 'Hold 'thy tongue; for we may not make mention of the name
11 'of Jehovah.' For, behold, Jehovah commandeth, and he will smite the great house with ruin, and the little house with clefts.
12 Shall horses run upon the rock? Will a man plow there with oxen? For ye have turned judgment into hemlock,

and the fruit of righteousness into wormwood; ye who 13
rejoice in a thing of nought, who say, 'Have we not taken
'to us horns by our own strength?' But, behold, I will 14
raise up against you a nation [the Assyrians], O house of
Israel, Jehovah the God of hosts hath said it; and they
shall afflict you from the Pass of Hamath unto the Valley
of Arabah.

THUS HATH THE LORD JEHOVAH shewed to me. And, 1
behold, he formed locusts in the beginning of the shooting
up of the latter growth; and, lo, it was the latter growth
after the king's mowings. And it came to pass, that when 2
they had made an end of eating the grass of the land, then
I said, 'O Lord Jehovah, forgive, I beseech thee. By
'whom shall Jacob arise? for he is small.' Jehovah re- 3
pented for this; 'It shall not be,' said Jehovah.

Thus hath the Lord Jehovah shewed unto me. And, 4
behold, the Lord Jehovah called for a contention by fire,
and it devoured the great deep, and did eat up the fields.
Then said I, 'O Lord Jehovah, cease, I beseech thee. By 5
'whom shall Jacob arise? for he is small.' Jehovah re- 6
pented for this; 'This also shall not be,' said the Lord
Jehovah.

Thus hath he shewed me. And, behold, the Lord stood 7
near a wall, made by a plumbline, with a plumbline in his
hand. And Jehovah said to me, 'Amos, what seest thou?' 8
And I said, 'A plumbline.' Then said the Lord, 'Behold,
'I will set a plumbline in the midst of my people Israel;
'I will not again pass by [or spare] them any more. And 9
'the High Places [or Altars] of Isaac shall be desolate, and
'the Sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste; and I will
'rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.'

Then Amaziah the priest of Beth-el sent to Jeroboam king 10
of Israel, saying, 'Amos hath conspired against thee in the
'midst of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear
'all his words. For thus Amos saith, Jeroboam shall die 11
'by the sword, and Israel shall surely be led away captive
'out of their own land.' And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O thou 12
'seer, go, flee thee away into the land of Judah, and there
'eat bread, and prophesy there. But prophesy not again 13
'any more at Beth-el. For it is the king's Sanctuary, and
'it is the royal house.' Then answered Amos, and said to 14
Amaziah, 'I was no prophet, neither was I a prophet's son;

'but I was a herdsman, and a gatherer of sycamore fruit.
15 'And Jehovah took me from following the flock, and Jeho-
16 'vah said to me, Go, prophesy to my people Israel. Now
'therefore hear thou the word of Jehovah. Thou sayest,
'Prophesy not against Israel, and drop not thy word against
17 'the house of Isaac. Therefore thus saith Jehovah; Thy
'wife shall be a harlot in the city, and thy sons and thy
'daughters shall fall by the sword, and thy land shall be
'divided by line; and thou shalt die in a polluted land;
'and Israel shall surely go forth into captivity out of his
'land.'

1 Thus hath the Lord Jehovah shewed to me. And be-
2 hold there was a basket of summer fruit. And he said,
'Amos, what seest thou?' And I said, 'A basket of summer
'fruit.' Then said Jehovah to me, 'The end is come upon
'my people of Israel; I will not again pass by [or spare]
3 'them any more. And the songs of the temple shall be
'howlings in that day, the Lord Jehovah hath said it.
'There shall be many dead bodies in every place; they shall
'cast them forth in silence.'

4 Hear this, O ye that would swallow up the needy, even
5 to make the poor of the land to fail, saying, 'When will
'the new-moon day be gone, that we may sell corn? and
'the sabbath, that we may set forth wheat?' making the
Ephah [or measure] small, and the Shekel [or money] great,
6 and bending the balances in deceit; buying the poor with
silver, and the needy in exchange for a pair of shoes; yea,
7 and ye sell the refuse of the wheat. Jehovah hath sworn
by the excellence of Jacob, 'Surely I will never forget any
8 'of their works.' Shall not the land tremble for this, and
every one mourn that dwelleth therein? and it shall be
overwhelmed wholly as by a river; and it shall be cast out
9 and drowned, as by the river of Egypt. And it shall come
to pass in that day, the Lord Jehovah hath said it, that I
will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken
10 the earth in clear day. And I will turn your feast days
into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; and I
will bring up sackcloth upon all loins, and baldness upon
every head; and I will make it as the mourning for an only
son, and its end as a bitter day.

11 Behold, the days come, the Lord Jehovah hath said it,
that I will send a famine into the land, not a famine of

bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of Jehovah. And they shall wander from Sea to Sea, and 12
from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro
to seek the word of Jehovah, and shall not find it. In that 13
day shall the fair maidens and young men faint for thirst.
They that swear by the Guilt of Samaria, and say, 'As thy 14
'god, O Dan, liveth;' and, 'As the manner of Beer-sheba
'liveth;' even they shall fall, and never rise up again.

I SAW THE LORD STANDING beside the altar. And he 1
said, Smite the head of the column [or the king], that the
door-posts [or nobles] may shake; and cut them on the
head, all of them; and I will slay the last of them with the
sword; he that fleeth of them shall not flee away, and he
that escapeth of them shall not be saved. Though they 2
dig down to hell, thence shall my hand take them; though
they climb up to the heavens, thence will I bring them
down. And though they hide themselves on the top of 3
Carmel, I will search and take them out thence; and though
they be hid from my sight at the bottom of the sea, thence
will I command the serpent, and he shall bite them. And 4
though they go into captivity before their enemies, thence
will I command the sword, and it shall slay them; and I
will set mine eyes upon them for evil, and not for good.

And the Lord Jehovah of hosts is he that toucheth the 5
land, and it melteth, and all that dwell therein mourn; and
it shall be overwhelmed wholly as by a river; and shall
be drowned, as by the river of Egypt. It is He that 6
buildeth his upper chambers in the heavens, and hath
founded his arched vault on the earth; he that calleth for
the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face
of the earth; Jehovah is his name.

Are ye not as the children of the Ethiopians to me, O ye 7
children of Israel? Jehovah hath said it. Have not I brought
up Israel out of the land of Lower Egypt? and the Philis-
tines from Caphtor, and the Syrians from Kir? Behold, the 8
eyes of the Lord Jehovah are upon the sinful kingdom, and
I will destroy it from off the face of the earth; saving that
I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob; Jehovah hath
said it.

For, lo, I will command, and I will shake the house of 9
Israel among all nations, like as one shaketh in a sieve,
yet shall not a grain fall upon the earth. All the sinners 10

of my people shall die by the sword, who say, 'The evil 'shall not overtake nor meet us.'

11 In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up its breaches; and I will raise up its
12 ruins, and I will build it up as in the days of old; so that they who are called by my name may possess the remnant of Edom, and of all the Nations, Jehovah that doeth this hath said it.

13 Behold, the days are coming, Jehovah hath said it, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth the seed; and the mountains shall
14 drop grape juice, and all the hills shall melt. And I will bring home again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build up the desolate cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them.
15 And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith Jehovah thy God.

OBADIAH.

1 THE VISION OF OBADIAH.

Thus saith the Lord Jehovah against Edom; We have heard a rumour from Jehovah, and an ambassador is sent among the Nations [saying], 'Arise ye, and let us rise up
2 'against her in battle.' Behold, I have made thee small
3 among the nations; thou art greatly despised. The pride of thy heart hath deceived thee, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the Rock [or of Petra], whose habitation is high; that saith in his heart, 'Who shall bring me down to the
4 'ground?' Though thou exalt thyself as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down; Jehovah hath said it.

5 If thieves came to thee, if robbers by night, (how art thou cut off!) would they not steal only till they had enough? if the grapegatherers came to thee, would they
6 not leave a gleaning of grapes? How is Esau searched through! his hidden places sought out to the very boun-
7 dary! All the men of thy confederacy have sent thee away;

the men that were at peace with thee have deceived thee,
and prevailed against thee; they that eat thy bread have
laid a snare before thee; there is no understanding in
him.

Shall I not in that day, Jehovah hath said it, even de- 8
stroy the wise men out of Edom, and understanding out of
the hill country of Esau? And thy warriors, O Teman, 9
shall be dismayed, to the end that every one of the hill
country of Esau may be cut off because of thy slaughter.
Because of thy violence against thy brother Jacob, shame 10
shall cover thee, and thou shalt be cut off for ever. In 11
the day that thou stoodest at a distance, in the day that
the strangers carried away captive his forces, and foreigners
entered into his city gates, and cast lots upon Jerusalem,
even thou wast as one of them. But thou shouldest not 12
have looked on the day of thy brother in the day of his
misfortune; neither shouldest thou have rejoiced over the
children of Judah in the day of their destruction; neither
shouldest thou have spoken proudly in the day of distress.
Thou shouldest not have entered into the city gate of my 13
people in the day of their calamity; yea, thou shouldest
not have looked on their affliction in the day of their cala-
mity, nor have laid hands on their substance in the day of
their calamity. Neither shouldest thou have stood in the 14
crossway, to cut off those of his that did escape; neither
shouldest thou have delivered up those of his that remained
in the day of distress.

For the day of Jehovah is near upon all the Nations. 15
As thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee; thy like
doings shall return upon thine own head. For as ye have 16
drunk upon my holy mountain, so shall all the Nations
drink continually; yea, they shall drink, and they shall
swallow down, and they shall be as though they had not
been.

But upon mount Zion shall be a deliverance, and it shall 17
be holy; and the house of Jacob shall possess their own pos-
sessions. And the house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the 18
house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau for stubble;
and they shall kindle against them, and devour them; and
there shall not be any remaining of the house of Esau; for
Jehovah hath spoken it.

And they of the South country [of Judah] shall possess 19

the mountains of Esau; and they of the Low country, the Philistines; and they shall possess the fields of Ephraim, and the fields of Samaria; and Benjamin shall possess
20 Gilead. And the captives of this host of the children of Israel shall possess those of the Canaanites, even unto Zarephath [or Sarepta]; and the captives of Jerusalem, who are in Sepharad, shall possess the cities of the South
21 country. And saviours shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mountains of Esau; and the kingdom shall be Jehovah's.

JONAH.

1 NOW THE WORD OF JEHOVAH came to Jonah the son of
2 Amittai, saying, 'Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, 'and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before
3 'me.' And Jonah rose up to flee to Tarshish [or Tarsus] from the presence of Jehovah [or from Jerusalem], and he went down to Joppa. And he found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of Jehovah.

4 And Jehovah sent out a great wind into the sea, and there was a great tempest in the sea, so that the ship was
5 like to be broken. Then the sailors were afraid, and cried every man unto his god, and cast forth the wares that were in the ship into the sea, to lighten it of them. But Jonah was gone down into the hollow of the cabin; and
6 he lay, and was fast asleep. So the shipmaster came to him, and said to him, 'What meanest thou, O sleeper? 'Arise, call upon thy God, if so be that God will think
7 'upon us, that we perish not.' And they said every one to his fellow, 'Come, and let us cast lots, that we may 'know for whose cause this evil is upon us.' So they cast
8 lots, and the lot fell upon Jonah. Then said they to him, 'Tell us, we pray thee, For whose cause this evil is upon 'us? What is thine occupation? and whence comest 'thou? What is thy country? and of what people art thou?'
9 And he said to them, 'I am a Hebrew; and I fear Jehovah, 'the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.'
10 Then the men feared with a great fear, and said to him,

'Why hast thou done this?' For the men knew that he had fled from the presence of Jehovah, because he had told them.

Then said they to him, 'What shall we do to thee, that 11
'the sea may be calm unto us?' For the sea grew more and more tempestuous. And he said to them, 'Take me 12
'up, and cast me forth into the sea; so shall the sea be 'calm unto you. For I know that for my sake this great 'tempest is upon you.' Nevertheless the men rowed hard 13
to bring it to the land; but they could not; for the sea grew more and more tempestuous against them. Therefore 14
they cried to Jehovah, and said, 'We beseech thee, O Jeho-'vah, we beseech thee, let us not perish for this man's life; 'and lay not upon us innocent blood; for thou, O Jehovah, 'hast done as it pleased thee.' So they took up Jonah, 15
and cast him forth into the sea. And the sea ceased from its raging. Then the men feared Jehovah with a great fear, 16
and sacrificed a sacrifice to Jehovah, and vowed vows.

Then Jehovah prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. 17
And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights. And Jonah prayed to Jehovah his God out of the 1
fish's belly, and said, 2
'I cried in my distress to Jehovah, and he answered me;
'From the belly of hell I called; thou heardest my voice.
'For thou hast cast me to the deep, in the heart of the 3
ocean;
'And the floods compassed me about;
'All thy billows and thy waves passed over me.
'Then I said, I am driven out of thy sight; 4
'Yet I will look again toward thy holy temple.
'The waters encompassed me, even to the soul; 5
'The depth closed round me,
'The weeds were wrapped about my head.
'I went down to the roots of the mountains; 6
'The earth with her bars was about me for ever;
'Yet hast thou brought up my life from corruption,
'O Jehovah my God.
'When my soul fainted within me I remembered Jehovah; 7
'And my prayer came to thee, to thy holy temple.
'They that serve lying vanities forsake their own good. 8
'But I will sacrifice to thee with the voice of praise; 9
'I will pay what I have vowed. Salvation is of Jehovah.'

10 And Jehovah spake to the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land.

1 AND THE WORD OF JEHOVAH came to Jonah the second time,
2 saying, 'Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and preach
3 'to it the preaching that I bid thee.' So Jonah arose, and went to Nineveh, according to the word of Jehovah. Now Nineveh was a city great before God, of three days' journey.
4 And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried, and said, 'Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall 'be overthrown.'
5 So the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even
6 to the least of them. For word came to the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and he laid his robe from him, and covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in the
7 ashes. And it was proclaimed and published through Nineveh by the decree of the king and his great men, saying, 'Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste any-
8 'thing; let them not feed, nor drink water; but let man 'and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily 'unto God. Yea, let them turn every one from his evil
9 'way, and from the violence that is in their hands. Who 'can tell if God will turn and repent, and turn away from
10 'his fierce anger, that we perish not?' And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not.

1 But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was very
2 angry. And he prayed to Jehovah, and said, 'I pray thee, 'O Jehovah, was not this my saying, when I was yet in my 'country? Therefore I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for 'I knew that thou art a gracious God, and merciful, slow 'to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the
3 'evil. Therefore now, O Jehovah, take, I beseech thee, my 'life from me; for it is better for me to die than to live.'
4 And Jehovah said, 'Doest thou well to be angry?'
5 So Jonah went out of the city, and sat on the east side of the city, and there made him a booth, and sat under it in the shade, till he might see what would become of the
6 city. And Jehovah God prepared a gourd, and made it to come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to deliver him from his grief. So Jonah rejoiced

because of the gourd with great joy. But God prepared a worm when the daybreak rose on the next day, and it smote the gourd that it withered. And it came to pass, when the sun did arise, that God prepared a cutting east wind; and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah, that he fainted, and wished in himself to die, and said, 'It is better 'for me to die than to live.' And God said to Jonah, 'Doest thou well to be angry for the gourd?' And he said, 'I do well to be angry, even unto death.' Then said Jehovah, 'Thou hast had pity on the gourd, for the which thou 'hast not laboured, neither madest it grow; which was the 'child of a night, and perished in a night; and should not 'I have pity on Nineveh, that great city, wherein are more 'than sixscore thousand persons that cannot discern between 'their right hand and their left hand; and also much 'cattle?'

MICAH.

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Hear, all ye people; hearken, O earth, and all that therein is; and let the Lord Jehovah be witness against you, the Lord from his holy temple. For, behold, Jehovah cometh forth out of his place, and cometh down; and he will tread upon the High Places [or altars] of the earth. And the mountains shall be melted under him, and the valleys shall be cleft, as wax before the fire, and as the waters that are poured down a steep place. All this is for the transgression of Jacob, and for the sins of the house of Israel. What is the transgression of Jacob? is it not Samaria? And what are the High Places of Judah? are they not Jerusalem? Therefore I will make Samaria as a heap in the field, made for the plantings of a vineyard; and I will pour down its stones into the valley, and I will uncover its foundations. And all her graven images shall be beaten to pieces, and all her wages shall be burned with the fire, and all her idols will I lay desolate; for she gathered it from the wages of a harlot, and they shall return to the wages of a harlot.

Therefore I will wail and howl, I will go stripped and

naked; I will make a wailing like the jackals, and mourn-
9 ing as the ostriches. For she is sick of her wounds; for
he [Sennacherib] is come unto Judah; he is come unto the
gate of my people, even to Jerusalem.
10 Declare ye it not in Gath; weep ye not in Cho [or Accho];
11 in the house of Ophrah roll thyself in the dust. Pass ye away,
thou woman, inhabitant of Saphir, having thy shame naked;
the inhabitant of Zaanan cometh not forth; the wailing of
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13 down from Jehovah upon the gate of Jerusalem. The in-
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14 for the transgressions of Israel were found in thee. There-
fore shalt thou give parting-presents to Moreshah near
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15 Israel. Yet will I bring a dispossessor against thee. O
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1 Alas for them that devise iniquity, and work evil upon
their beds! when the morning is light, they practise it, be-
2 cause it is in the power of their hand. And they covet
fields, and seize them; and houses, and take them away;
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3 Therefore thus saith Jehovah; Behold, against this
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as an enemy. Ye pull the robe from off the garment from
them that pass by securely, returning from war. The 9
women of my people have ye cast out from their pleasant
houses; from their little children have ye taken away my
glory for ever. Arise ye, and depart; for this is not your 10
resting-place; because it is polluted, it shall be destroyed,
even with a sore destruction. If a man go about lying in 11
spirit and in falsehood, [saying,] 'I will prophesy unto thee
'of wine and of strong drink;' even he will be the prophet
of this people.

I will surely assemble, O Jacob, all of thee; I will surely 12
gather the remnant of Israel; I will put them together as
the sheep of Bozrah; as the flock in the midst of their pas-
ture, they shall make great noise by reason of the men.
He that breaketh down is come up before them. They have 13
been broken down, and have passed through the city gate,
and are gone out by it; and their king passeth before them,
and Jehovah at the head of them.

And I said, Hear, I pray you, O heads of Jacob, and ye 1
princes of the house of Israel; Is it not for you to know
judgment? Ye hate the good, and love the evil; ye pluck 2
off their skin from off them, and their flesh from off their
bones; who also eat the flesh of my people, and flay their 3
skin from off them. And they break their bones, and chop
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dron. Then they will cry to Jehovah, but he will not 4
answer them. He will even hide his face from them at that
time, because they have behaved themselves ill in their
doings.

Thus saith Jehovah concerning the prophets that make 5
my people to err, that bite with their teeth, and cry, 'Peace;'
and whoever putteth not into their mouths, they even con-
secrate war against him. Therefore night shall be on you, 6
that ye shall have no vision; and it shall be dark unto
you, that ye shall not divine; and the sun shall go down
over the prophets, and the day shall be dark over them.
Then shall the seers be ashamed, and the diviners con- 7
founded; yea, they shall all cover their beard; for there is
no answer from God. But truly I am full of power by the 8
spirit of Jehovah, and of judgment, and of might, to declare
to Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin.

Hear this, I pray you, ye heads of the house of Jacob, 9

and princes of the house of Israel, that abhor judgment, and
10 pervert all equity, that build up Zion with bloodshed, and
11 Jerusalem with iniquity. Her heads judge for bribes, and her priests teach for hire, and her prophets divine for money; yet they lean upon Jehovah, and say, 'Is not
12 'Jehovah among us? No evil can come upon us.' Therefore shall Zion for your sake be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps of ruins, and the mountain of the House as the High Places [or altars] in the forest.

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1 But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the House of Jehovah shall be established on the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the
2 hills; and peoples shall flow unto it. And many nations shall come, and say, 'Come, and let us go up to the mountain 'of Jehovah, and to the House of the God of Jacob; and he 'will teach us his ways, and we will walk in his paths.' For the Law shall go forth out of Zion, and the word of
3 Jehovah from Jerusalem. And he will judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against na-
4 tion, neither shall they learn war any more. But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid; for the mouth of Jehovah of
5 hosts hath spoken it. For all Nations walk every one in the name of his own god, and we will walk in the name of Jehovah our God for ever and ever.
6 In that day, Jehovah hath said it, I will assemble those that halt, and I will gather in those that are driven out, and
7 those that I have afflicted; and I will make those that halt a remnant, and those that were removed far off a strong nation; and Jehovah shall reign over them on mount Zion
8 from henceforth, and for ever. And thou, O Tower of Edar, the stronghold of the daughter of Zion, to thee shall it come, even the former dominion; the kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem.
9 Why dost thou now cry out aloud? Is there no king in thee? Is thy counsellor perished? For pangs have
10 taken thee as a woman in travail. Be in pain, and labour to bring forth, O daughter of Zion, like a woman in tra-

vail; for now shalt thou go forth out of the city, and thou shalt dwell in the field, and thou shalt go even to Babylon. There shalt thou be set free; there Jehovah will redeem thee from the hand of thine enemies. But now many nations are gathered against thee, that say, 'Let her be defiled, 'and let our eye look upon Zion.' But they know not the thoughts of Jehovah, neither understand they his counsel; for he shall gather them as the sheaves on to the threshing-floor. Arise and tread them out, O daughter of Zion; for I will make thy horn iron, and I will make thy hoofs copper. And thou shalt beat in pieces many nations; and I will devote their booty unto Jehovah, and their substance unto the Lord of the whole earth. Now gather thyself in troops, O daughter of troops. He hath laid siege against us; they smite the judge of Israel with a rod upon the cheek.

But thou, Beth-lehem Ephratah, though thou be little to be among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall come forth unto me he that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from former times, from days of old. Therefore will he give them up, until the time that she that travaileth hath brought forth. Then the remnant of his brethren shall return to the children of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of Jehovah, in the majesty of the name of Jehovah his God; and they shall abide; for now shall he be great unto the ends of the land. And this man shall be the peace. When the Assyrian shall come into our land, and when he shall tread in our palaces, then shall we raise against him seven shepherds, and eight princes of men. And they shall waste the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod in the entrances thereof. Thus shall he deliver us from the Assyrian, when he cometh into our land, and when he treadeth within our boundaries.

And the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many peoples as dew from Jehovah, as the showers upon the grass, that tarrieth not for man, nor waiteth for the sons of Adam. And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the Nations in the midst of many peoples as a lion among the cattle of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of sheep; who, if he go through, both treadeth down, and

9 teareth in pieces, and none can deliver. Thy hand shall
be lifted up upon thine adversaries, and all thine enemies
shall be cut off.
10 And it shall come to pass in that day, Jehovah hath said
it, that I will cut off thy horses out of the midst of thee,
11 and I will destroy thy chariots. And I will cut off the
cities of thy land, and throw down all thy strongholds.
12 And I will cut off witchcrafts out of thy hand; and thou
13 shalt have no more observers of clouds. Thy graven images
also will I cut off, and thy standing images out of the midst
of thee; and thou shalt no more bow down to the work
14 of thine own hands. And I will pluck up thy groves of
Ashera out of the midst of thee. And I will destroy thine
15 enemies; and I will execute vengeance in anger and wrath
upon the Nations, such as they have not heard.
1 1 HEAR YE NOW what Jehovah saith. Arise, contend thou
before the mountains, and let the hills hear thy voice.
2 Hear, O ye mountains, Jehovah's controversy, and ye un-
failing foundations of the earth. For Jehovah hath a con-
troversy against his people, and he will contend with
Israel.
3 O my people, what have I done to thee? and wherein
4 have I wearied thee? Answer me. For I brought thee
up out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed thee out of the
house of bondage; and I sent before thee Moses, Aaron,
5 and Miriam. O my people, remember now what Balak
king of Moab consulted, and what Balaam the son of Beor
answered him, so that the righteousness of Jehovah might
be known from Shittim to Gilgal.
6 'Wherewith shall I come before Jehovah? Shall I bow
'myself before the high God? Shall I come before him
7 'with burnt offerings, with calves of the first year? Will
'Jehovah be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten
'thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for
'my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my
'soul?'
8 He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what
doth Jehovah require of thee, but to do justly, and to love
kindness, and to walk humbly with thy God?
9 The voice of Jehovah crieth unto the city, and the man
of prudence shall fear thy name. Hear ye the rod, and
10 Him who hath appointed it. Are there yet treasures of

wickedness in the house of the wicked, and the scanty
Ephah [or measure] that is abominable? Shall I count 11
them pure with the wickedness balances, and with the bag of
deceitful weights? For her rich men are full of violence, 12
and her inhabitants have spoken lies, and their tongue is
deceitful in their mouth. Therefore also will I make thee 13
sick in smiting thee, in making thee desolate because of
thy sins. Thou shalt eat, but not be satisfied; and thine 14
emptiness shall be in the midst of thee; and thou shalt carry
off, but shalt not save; and that which thou savest will I give
up to the sword. Thou shalt sow, but thou shalt not reap. 15
Thou shalt tread the olives, but thou shalt not anoint thee
with oil; and grape juice, but shalt not drink the wine. For 16
the decrees of Omri are kept, and all the works of the house
of Ahab, and ye walk in their counsels; so that I should
make thee a desolation, and the inhabitants thereof a hissing. Therefore ye shall bear the reproach of my people.

WOE IS ME! for I am as the after gatherings of the summer 1
fruits, as the grape-gleanings of the vintage. There is no
cluster to eat; my soul desired the first-ripe fruit. The 2
good man is perished out of the land; and there is none
upright among men. They all lie in wait for bloodshed;
they hunt every man his brother with a net. Their hands 3
are towards wickedness to make it good. The prince asketh,
and the judge, for a reward; and the great man, he uttereth
his soul's mischief; so they pervert matters. The best of 4
them is as a brier, more pointed than a thorn hedge. The
day of thy watchmen and thy visitation cometh; now shall
be their perplexity.

Trust ye not in a friend, put ye not confidence in a guide; 5
keep the doors of thy mouth from her that lieth in thy
bosom. For son dishonoureth father, daughter riseth up 6
against her mother, daughter-in-law against her mother-in-
law; a man's enemies are the men of his own house. But 7
as for me I will look to Jehovah; I will wait for the God
of my salvation; my God will hear me.

Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy; when I fall, I 8
shall arise; when I sit in darkness, Jehovah will be a light
to me. I will bear the indignation of Jehovah, because I 9
have sinned against him, until he plead my cause, and execute judgment for me. He will bring me forth to the light,
and I shall behold his righteousness. Then mine enemy 10

shall see it, and shame shall cover her. She said to me, 'Where is Jehovah thy God?' Mine eyes shall look upon her; now shall she be trodden down as the mire of the
11 streets. In the day that THY WALLS ARE TO BE BUILT UP [O Jerusalem], in that day shall the decree [of Omri] be far
12 removed. In that day also he shall come even to thee from Assyria, and from the cities of Egypt; even from Egypt to the River [Euphrates], and from sea to sea, and from moun-
13 tain to mountain; when the land hath been desolate because of them that dwell therein, for the fruit of their doings.

14 Feed thy people with thy rod, the flock of thy heritage, who dwell solitarily in the forest. In the midst of Carmel let them feed, in Bashan and Gilead, as in the days of old.
15 According to the days of thy coming out of the land of
16 Egypt will I shew to him marvellous things. The Nations shall see and be confounded at all their might; they shall lay their hand upon their mouth, their ears shall be deaf.
17 They shall lick the dust like a serpent, they shall move out of their holes like creeping things of the earth. They shall be afraid of Jehovah our God, and shall fear because
18 of thee. Who is a God like thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? He retaineth not his anger for ever, because
19 he delighteth in kindness. He will turn again, he will have compassion on us; he will subdue our iniquities; and
20 thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea. Thou wilt perform the truth to Jacob, and the kindness to Abraham, which thou hast sworn unto our fathers from the days of old.

NAHUM.

1 THE BURDEN OF NINEVEH. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite.

2 Jehovah is a God jealous and vengeful; Jehovah is vengeful and full of wrath; Jehovah will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth wrath for his enemies.
3 Jehovah is slow to anger, and great in power, and he will not wholly acquit. Jehovah hath his way in the whirlwind

and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet.
He rebuketh the sea, and maketh it dry, and he drieth up 4
all the rivers. Bashan languisheth, and Carmel, and the
flower of Lebanon languisheth. The mountains quake at 5
him, and the hills melt, and the earth is lifted up at his
presence, yea, the world, and all that dwell therein. Who 6
can abide before his indignation? and who can stand up
in the fierceness of his anger? His wrath is poured out
like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by him.

Jehovah is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and 7
he knoweth them that trust in him. But with an over- 8
flowing torrent he will make an utter end of the place
thereof, and darkness shall pursue his enemies. What do 9
ye devise against Jehovah? He will make an utter end;
affliction will not rise up a second time. For while they 10
are folded together as thorns, and while they are drunken
as drunkards, they shall be devoured as stubble fully dry.
There is one come out of thee [O Nineveh], that deviseth 11
evil against Jehovah; he is a counsellor of wickedness.

Thus saith Jehovah; 'Though they be prosperous, and 12
'likewise many, yet thus shall they be cut down and pass
'away. Though I have afflicted thee [O Judah], I will afflict
'thee no more. For now will I break his yoke from off 13
'thee, and will burst thy bonds asunder.'

And Jehovah hath given a commandment concerning 14
thee [O Nineveh], that no more of thy name be sown. Out
of the house of thy gods will I cut off the graven image
and the molten image; I will make thy grave; for thou art
vile.

Behold upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth 15
good tidings, that publisheth peace! O Judah, keep thy
solemn feasts, perform thy vows; for the wicked one shall
no more pass through thee; he is utterly cut off. The 1
destroyer [the Babylonian] is come up against thee [O
Nineveh]. Guard the fortress, watch the road, make thy
loins strong, fortify thy power mightily. For Jehovah hath 2
restored the excellence of Jacob, as the excellence of Israel.
For the wasters have wasted themselves, and destroyed
their vine branches.

The shield of his warriors is made red, the valiant men 3
are dyed in scarlet; the iron blades of the chariots shine
with fire in the day of his preparation, and the spear-shafts

4 are terribly shaken. The chariots rage in the streets, they
run to and fro in the broad ways; they seem like torches,
5 they run like the lightnings. He recounteth his mighty
men; they stumble in their march; they make haste to
6 the wall thereof, and the covering is prepared. The gates
of the rivers are opened, and the palace melts in fear, and
is dissolved.
7 She shall be laid bare, she shall be led away, and her
maids shall sigh as with the voice of doves, beating upon
8 their breasts. And Nineveh after a time shall be like a
pool of water, and they shall flee away. 'Stand, stand,'
9 [they cry]; but none looketh back. Take ye the spoil of
silver, take the spoil of gold; for there is no end of the
store of glory out of all the desirable jewels.
10 She is empty, and emptiness, and a waste; and the heart
melteth, and the knees smite together, and much pain is in
11 all loins, and the faces of them all lose their colour. Where
is the dwelling of the Lions, and that feeding-place of the
young Lions, where the Lion and the Lioness walked, and
12 the Lion's whelp, and none made them afraid? The Lion
did tear in pieces enough for his whelps, and strangled for
his Lionesses, and filled his holes with prey, and his dens
13 with what he had torn. Behold, I am against thee, Jeho-
vah of hosts hath said it, and I will burn her chariots in
the smoke, and the sword shall devour thy young Lions;
and I will cut off thy prey from the earth, and the voice
of thy messengers shall no more be heard.
1 Woe to the city of bloodshed! it is wholly false and
2 full of robbery; the plundering ceaseth not. There is the
noise of a whip, and the noise of the rattling of wheels,
3 and of prancing horses, and of jolting chariots. The horse-
man lifteth up both the bright sword and the glittering
spear; and there is a multitude of slain, and a great number
of carcases, and no end of corpses; they stumble over their
corpses.
4 Because of the multitude of the fornications of the well-
favoured harlot, the mistress of witchcrafts, that selleth
nations by her fornications, and families by her witch-
5 crafts; behold, I am against thee, Jehovah of hosts hath
said it; and I will uncover thy skirts over thy face, and I
will shew nations thy nakedness, and kingdoms thy shame.
6 And I will cast abominable filth upon thee, and I will make

thee vile, and will set thee up as a gazingstock. And it 7
shall come to pass, that all that look upon thee shall flee
from thee, and shall say, 'Nineveh is laid waste; who will
'bemoan her?'

Whence shall I seek comforters for thee? Art thou 8
better than No-Amun [or Thebes], that was situate on the
river [Nile], with the waters round about her, whose ram-
part was a sea, and the waters her wall? Ethiopia and 9
Lower Egypt were her strength, and it was boundless; Phut
[or Africa] and the Lubites [or Libyans] were thy helpers.
Yet was she carried away, she went into captivity; her 10
babes also were dashed in pieces at the top of all the streets;
and they cast lots for her honourable men, and all her
great men were bound in chains. Thou also shalt be made 11
drunk; thou shalt be hidden; thou also shalt seek help
against the enemy. All thy strongholds shall be like fig- 12
trees with the first-ripe figs; if they be shaken, they shall
even fall into the mouth of the eater. Behold, thy people 13
in the midst of thee are as women; the gates of thy land
shall be set wide open unto thine enemies; the fire shall
devour thy cross-bars. Draw for thee water for the siege, 14
fortify thy strongholds. Go to the clay, and tread mortar,
make strong the brickwork. There shall the fire devour 15
thee; the sword shall cut thee off, it shall eat thee up
like the locust. Make thyself many as the locust, make
thyself many as the grasshoppers. Thou hast multiplied 16
thy merchants above the stars of the heavens; the locust
spreadeth itself, and then fleeth away.

Thy crowned ones are as the grasshoppers, and thy cap- 17
tains as swarms of locusts, which encamp in the hedges in
the cool of the day, but when the sun ariseth they flee away,
and their place is not known where they are. Thy shep- 18
herds slumber, O king of Assyria; thy nobles take their
rest; thy people is scattered upon the mountains, and no
man gathereth them together. There is no ease for thy 19
bruise; thy wound is grievous. All that hear the report
of thee will clap hands over thee; for upon whom hath not
thy wickedness passed continually?

HABAKKUK.

1 THE BURDEN WHICH HABAKKUK the prophet did see.
2 'O Jehovah, how long shall I cry for help, and thou wilt
'not hear? I cry out to thee of violence, and thou dost
3 'not save! Why dost thou shew me iniquity, and cause
'me to behold trouble? For spoiling and violence are
'before me; and there are some that raise up strife and
4 'contention; therefore the law is slack, and judgment doth
'not go forth in truth. For the wicked doth encompass
'the righteous; therefore wrong judgment goeth forth.'
5 Look ye among the Nations, and regard, and wonder
greatly; for I will work a work in your days, which ye
6 will not believe, though it be recounted to you. For, lo, I
will raise up the Chaldeans, that bitter and hasty nation,
who shall march through the breadth of the land, to possess
7 dwelling-places that are not theirs. They are terrible and
dreadful; their judgment and their decrees will proceed from
8 themselves. Their horses also are swifter than leopards, and
are more fierce than evening wolves; and their horsemen
shall spread themselves. And their horsemen shall come
from afar; they shall fly as the eagle that hasteneth to eat.
9 They shall come all for violence. The crowd of their faces
is forward, and they shall gather up captives as the sand.
10 And they shall scoff at kings, and princes shall be a derision
unto them. They shall deride every stronghold; for they
11 shall heap up earth, and take it. Then shall his spirit be
renewed, and he shall transgress; and this is his guilt, that
his own strength is his god.
12 'Art thou not from everlasting, O Jehovah my God, my
'Holy One? We shall not die. O Jehovah, thou hast
'ordained them for judgment; and, O my Rock, thou hast
13 'established them for correction. Thou art of purer eyes
'than to behold evil, and thou canst not look upon iniquity.
'Wherefore lookest thou upon them that deal treacherously,
'and art silent when the wicked devoureth one more right-
14 'eous than himself; and makest thou men as the fishes of
'the sea, as the creeping things, that have no ruler over
15 'them? They take up all of them with a hook, they draw
'them out with their net, and gather them in their drag-

'net. Therefore they rejoice and are glad. Therefore they 16
'sacrifice to their net, and burn incense unto their drag-
'net; because by them their portion is fat, and their food
'plenteous. Shall they therefore empty their net, and shall 17
'they not spare to slay the Nations continually?'

I will stand upon my watch tower, and set me upon the 1
stronghold, and will look out to see what he will say to me,
and what I shall answer when I am reproved. And Jeho- 2
vah answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it
plain upon the tablets, that he may run that readeth it.
For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but it hasteneth 3
to the end, and will not deceive. Though it tarry, wait for
it; because it will surely come, it will not be behind. Be- 4
hold, his soul which is puffed up is not upright in him;
but he that is righteous in his faithfulness shall live.

Yea also, because wine deceiveth the proud man, neither 5
is he quiet, who enlargeth his desire like Hell, and is like
Death, and cannot be satisfied; but he gathereth unto him-
self all nations, and heapeth unto himself all people. Shall 6
not all these take up a parable against him, and a taunting
proverb against him, and say, 'Woe to him that increaseth
'what is not his!' How long shall he lade himself with
debts? Shall not thy usurers rise up suddenly, and they 7
awake that shall vex thee, and thou be for booty unto them?
Because thou hast plundered many nations, all the remnant 8
of the peoples shall plunder thee; because of men's blood,
and for the violence against the land, against the city, and
against all that dwell therein.

Woe to him that gaineth a gain that is evil to his own 9
house, that he may set his nest on high, that he may be
delivered from the grasp of adversity! Thou hast coun- 10
selled shame to thy house by cutting off many nations, and
hast sinned against thine own soul. For the stone crieth 11
out of the wall, and the beam out of the timber answereth
it.

Woe to him that buildeth a town with bloodshed, and 12
establisheth a city by iniquity! Behold, is it not of Jeho- 13
vah of hosts that the people shall labour for the sake of the
fire, and nations shall weary themselves for nought? For the 14
earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of
Jehovah, as the waters cover the sea.

Woe to him that giveth his neighbour drink, pouring 1

out thy poison and drunkenness also, so that thou mayest
16 look on their nakedness! Thou art filled with shame rather
than glory. Drink thou also, and thou shalt be unclean;
the cup of Jehovah's right hand shall be turned unto thee,
17 and shameful vomiting shall be on thy glory. For the
violence against Lebanon shall cover thee, and the plunder
of the cattle shall terrify; because of men's blood, and for
the violence against the land, against the city, and against
all that dwell therein.

18 What profiteth the graven image that its maker hath
graven it; the molten image, and the teacher of lies, that the
maker of his work trusteth therein, so as to make dumb idols?
19 Woe to him that saith to the wood, 'Awake;' to the dumb
stone, 'Arise'! Can it teach? Behold, it is laid over with
gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in the midst
20 of it. But Jehovah is in his holy temple; let all the earth
keep silence before him.

1 A PRAYER OF HABAKKUK the prophet for a hymn.
2 O Jehovah, I heard a report of thee, and was afraid;
O Jehovah, revive thy work in the midst of the years,
In the midst of the years make it known;
In thy wrath remember mercy.
3 God came from Teman [or the south],
And the Holy One from the mountain of Paran. (A
pause.)
His glory covered the heavens,
And the earth was full of his praise;
4 And his brightness was as the sun-light;
He had horns [or rays] coming out of his hand;
And the veil over his power was there.
5 Before him went pestilence,
And burning fevers followed in his footsteps.
6 He stood, and measured the earth;
He beheld, and made the Nations to tremble;
And the ancient mountains were scattered,
The everlasting hills did bow;
His ways are everlasting.
7 I saw the tents of Ethiopia in affliction;
The tent-curtains of the land of Midian did tremble.
8 Was Jehovah displeased against the Rivers?
Was thine anger against the Rivers?
Was thy wrath against the Sea,

That thou didst ride upon thine horses
And thy chariots of victory?
Thy bow was made quite naked, 9
As sworn unto the tribes by thy word. (A pause.)
Thou didst cleave the earth with the Rivers.
The mountains saw thee, and they trembled; 10
The overflowing of the water passed by;
The deep uttered its voice, lifting up its hands on high.
The sun and moon stood still in their dwelling; 11
By the light of thine arrows they moved on,
By the shining of thy glittering spear.
Thou didst march through the land in indignation, 12
Thou didst trample on the Nations in anger.
Thou wentest forth for the salvation of thy people, 13
For the salvation of thine anointed one;
Thou didst wound the head of the house of the wicked,
Laying bare the foundation to the neck. (A pause.)
Thou didst pierce his head with his own arrows; 14
His village-rulers rushed out to scatter me;
They rejoiced as if to devour the poor in secret.
Thou didst walk through the sea with thy horses, 15
Through the heap of great waters.
I have heard, my bowels tremble; 16
My lips quiver at the sound;
Rottenness entereth my bones, and my knees tremble,
Whether I may have rest in the day of trouble,
At the coming up of the invader against the people.
Although the fig tree shall not blossom, 17
Neither shall fruit be on the vines;
Though the labour of the olive shall fail,
And the fields shall yield no food;
Though the flock shall be cut off from the fold,
And there shall be no herd in the stalls;
Yet I will rejoice in Jehovah, 18
I will joy in the God of my salvation.
Jehovah my Lord is my strength, 19
And he will make my feet like hinds' feet,
And he will make me to walk upon my high places.
For the chief Musician on the stringed instruments.

ZEPHANIAH.

1 THE WORD OF JEHOVAH which came to Zephaniah the son
of Cushi, the son of Gedaliah, the son of Amariah, the
son of Hezekiah, in the days of Josiah the son of Amon,
king of Judah.
2 I will utterly take away all things from off the face of the
3 land; Jehovah hath said it. I will take away both man
and beast; I will take away both the fowls of the heavens,
and the fishes of the sea, and the stumbling-blocks together
with the wicked; and I will cut off man from off the face of
4 the land; Jehovah hath said it. I will also stretch out my
hand upon Judah, and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusa-
lem; and I will cut off the remnant of Baal from this place,
5 and the name of the idolators with the priests; and them
that worship the host of the heavens upon the housetops;
and them that worship and that swear by Jehovah, and
6 them that swear by their Molech; and them that are turned
back from following Jehovah; and them that have not
sought Jehovah, nor inquired of him.
7 Hold thy peace at the presence of the Lord Jehovah;
for the day of Jehovah is at hand; for Jehovah hath pre-
8 pared a sacrifice, he hath sanctified his guests. And it
shall come to pass on the day of Jehovah's sacrifice, that I
will punish the princes, and the king's children, and all
9 such as are clothed with apparel of foreigners. And on
that day will I punish all those that leap over the threshold,
10 who fill their masters' houses with violence and deceit. And
it shall come to pass on that day, Jehovah hath said it, that
there shall be the noise of a cry from the Fish Gate, and a
howling from the Second [or lower city], and a great crash-
ing from the hills.
11 Howl, ye inhabitants of Maktesh, for all the merchant
people are cut down; all they that carry silver are cut off.
12 And it shall come to pass at that time that I will search
Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men that are
settled on their lees; that say in their heart, 'Jehovah will
13 'not do good, neither will he do evil.' Therefore their goods
shall become a booty, and their houses a desolation; they

shall also build houses, but not inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, but not drink the wine thereof.

The great day of Jehovah is near, it is near, and hasteneth 14
greatly, even the voice of the day of Jehovah; the warrior shall cry therein bitterly. That day is a day of wrath, a 15
day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of the trumpet and of shouting against 16
the fenced cities, and against the high corner-towers. And 17
I will bring distress upon men, and they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against Jehovah. And their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as dung. Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able 18
to deliver them in the day of Jehovah's wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy; for he shall make even a terrible riddance of all them that dwell in the land.

Search yourselves, yea, search, O nation without shame; 1
before the decree give birth, and the day pass away as chaff; 2
before the fierce anger of Jehovah come upon you, before the day of Jehovah's anger come upon you. Seek ye Jeho- 3
vah, all ye meek of the earth, ye who have executed his judgments; seek righteousness, seek meekness; it may be ye shall be hidden in the day of Jehovah's anger.

For Gaza shall be forsaken, and Askalon a desolation. 4
They shall drive out Ashdod at the noon day, and Ekron shall be rooted up. Woe to the inhabitants of the sea coasts, 5
the nation of the Cherethites [or Philistines]! The word of Jehovah is against you; O Canaan, land of the Philistines, I will even destroy thee, so that there shall be no inhabitant. And the sea coast shall be pastures, with tanks 6
for shepherds, and folds for flocks. And the coast shall be 7
for the remnant of the house of Judah; they shall feed thereupon. In the houses of Askalon shall they lie down in the evening; for Jehovah their God will visit them, and bring home their captivity.

I have heard the reproach of Moab, and the revilings of 8
the children of Ammon, whereby they have reproached my people, and have magnified themselves against their boundary. Therefore as I live, Jehovah of hosts, the God of 9
Israel, hath said it, surely Moab shall be as Sodom, and

the children of Ammon as Gomorrah, a possession for nettles,
and saltpits, and a perpetual desolation. The residue of
my people shall plunder them, and the remnant of my
10 nation shall inherit them. This shall they have for their
pride, because they have reproached and magnified them-
11 selves against the people of Jehovah of hosts. Jehovah
will be terrible unto them; for he will famish all the gods
of the earth; and men shall worship him, every one from
his place, even all the isles of the Nations.
12 Ye Ethiopians also, ye shall be slain by my sword.
13 And he will stretch out his hand against the North, and
destroy Assyria; and will make Nineveh a desolation, and
14 dry like the desert. And flocks shall lie down in the midst
of her, all the wild beasts of the nations. Both the pelican
and the hedgehog shall lodge in the capitals of its columns;
their voice shall sing in the windows; desolation shall be
within the thresholds; for he will lay bare the cedar work.
15 This is the rejoicing city that dwelt without care, that said
in her heart, 'I am she, and there is none beside me.' How
is she become a desolation, a place for wild beasts to lie
down in! every one that passeth by her shall hiss, and
shake his hand.
1 Woe to her that is rebellious and polluted, to the op-
2 pressing city! She obeyed not the voice; she received not
instruction; she trusted not in Jehovah; she drew not
3 near to her God. Her princes within her are roaring lions;
her judges are evening wolves; they leave not the bones
4 to gnaw in the morning. Her prophets are boasters and
treacherous persons; her priests have polluted the Holy
5 Place, they have done violence to the Law. The righteous
Jehovah is in the midst thereof; he will not do iniquity.
Every morning doth he bring his judgment to light, he
6 faileth not; but the unjust knoweth no shame. I have
cut off the nations; their corner-towers are desolate; I made
their streets waste, so that none passeth by. Their cities
are taken by snares, so that there is no man, there is no
7 inhabitant. I said, 'Surely thou wilt fear me, thou wilt
'receive instruction;' so that her dwelling should not be
cut off, howsoever I punished her. But they rose up early,
and corrupted all their doings.
8 Therefore wait ye upon me, Jehovah hath said it, until
the day that I rise up to the prey. For my determination

is to gather the nations, to assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger; for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy.
For then will I again give to the Nations a clean lip, that 9
they may all call upon the name of Jehovah, to serve him with one consent. From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia 10
my suppliants, even the daughter of my dispersed ones, shall bring mine offering. In that day shalt thou not be 11
ashamed for all thy doings, wherein thou hast transgressed against me. For then I will take away out of the midst of thee them that rejoice in thy pride, and thou shalt no more be haughty upon my holy mountain. And I will leave in 12
the midst of thee an afflicted and poor people, and they shall put their trust in the name of Jehovah. The remnant 13
of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth; for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make them afraid.

Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and 14
rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem. Jeho- 15
vah hath taken away the judgments against thee, he hath turned aside thine enemy. The King of Israel, even Jehovah, is in the midst of thee; thou shalt not see evil any more. In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, 'Fear thou 16
'not, O Zion; let not thy hands be feeble. Jehovah thy 17
'God in the midst of thee is mighty. He will save, he will 'rejoice over thee with joy; he will pardon in his love, he 'will joy over thee with singing.' Those that are grieving 18
far from the solemn assembly I will gather together. They are far from thee; the reproach was a burden to her. Be- 19
hold, at that time I will deal with all that afflict thee; and I will save her that halteth, and gather in her that was driven out; and I will make them to be a praise and a name in every land of their shame. At that time will I 20
bring you back, and at that time will I gather you in. For I will make you to be a name and a praise among all people of the earth, when I bring home your captivity before your eyes, saith Jehovah.

HAGGAI.

1 IN THE SECOND YEAR of Darius the king [B.C. 520], in
the sixth month, on the first day of the month, came the
word of Jehovah by the hand of Haggai the prophet to
Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, the Pasha [or governor] of
Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest,
2 saying, Thus speaketh Jehovah of hosts, saying, This people
say, 'The time is not come, the time that the House of
3 'Jehovah should be built.' Then came the word of Jeho-
4 vah by the hand of Haggai the prophet, saying, 'Is it a
'time for you, O ye, to dwell in your panelled houses, and
5 'this House lieth waste?' Now therefore thus saith Jeho-
6 vah of hosts; Consider your ways. Ye have sown much,
but have brought in little; ye eat, but ye are not satisfied;
ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe your-
selves, but have no warmth; and he that earneth wages
earneth for a purse with holes.
7 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts; Consider your ways. Go
8 up to the hill country, and bring wood, and build the
House; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified,
9 saith Jehovah. Ye looked for much, and, lo, it came to
little; and when ye brought it home, I did blow upon it.
Why? Jehovah of hosts hath said it; because of my House
that is waste, and ye run every man to his own house.
10 Therefore the heavens over you are stayed from dew, and
11 the earth is stayed from its increase. And I called for a
drought upon the land, and upon the mountains, and upon
the corn, and upon the grape juice, and upon the oil, and
upon that which the ground bringeth forth, and upon men,
and upon cattle, and upon all the labour of the hands.
12 Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the
son of Josedech, the high priest, with all the remnant of
the people, obeyed the voice of Jehovah their God, and the
words of Haggai the prophet, because Jehovah their God
had sent him, and the people did fear before Jehovah.
13 Then spake Haggai Jehovah's messenger in Jehovah's mes-
sage to the people, saying, 'I am with you, Jehovah hath
'said it.'
14 And Jehovah stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son

of Shealtiel, the Pasha of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and did the work in the House of Jehovah of hosts, their God, on the four 15
and twentieth day of the sixth month, in the second year of Darius the king.

In the seventh month, on the one and twentieth day of 1
the month, came the word of Jehovah by the hand of the prophet Haggai, saying, Speak now to Zerubbabel the son 2
of Shealtiel, the Pasha of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, saying, Who is left among you that saw this House in its 3
first glory? And how do ye see it now? Is it not in your eyes in comparison of it as nothing? Yet now be strong, 4
O Zerubbabel, Jehovah hath said it; and be strong, O Joshua, son of Josedech, the high priest; and be strong, all ye people of the land, Jehovah hath said it, and work; for I am with you, Jehovah of hosts hath said it. Accord- 5
ing to the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Lower Egypt, so my spirit shall remain among you. Fear ye not.

For thus saith Jehovah of hosts; Yet once, it is a little 6
while, and I will shake the heavens and the earth, and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all nations, and the 7
desire of all nations shall come; and I will fill this House with glory, saith Jehovah of hosts. The silver is mine, 8
and the gold is mine, Jehovah of hosts hath said it. The 9
glory of this latter House shall be greater than of the former, saith Jehovah of hosts; and in this place will I give peace, Jehovah of hosts hath said it.

On the four and twentieth day of the ninth month, in 10
the second year of Darius, came the word of Jehovah by the hand of Haggai the prophet, saying, Thus saith Jeho- 11
vah of hosts; Ask now the priests concerning the Law, saying, 'If one carry holy flesh in the skirt of his garment, and 12
'with his skirt do touch bread, or pottage, or wine, or oil, 'or any food, shall it be holy?' And the priests answered and said, 'No.' Then said Haggai, 'If one that is unclean 13
'by a dead body touch any of these, shall it be unclean?' And the priests answered and said, 'It shall be unclean.' Then answered Haggai and said, So is this people, and so 14
is this nation before me, Jehovah hath said it. And so is

every work of their hands; and what they bring as a gift
15 there is unclean. And now, I pray you, consider from this
day and upward, from before a stone was laid upon a
16 stone in the Temple of Jehovah; since those days were,
one came to a heap of corn of twenty sheaves, and there were
but ten; one came to the wine-vat to draw out fifty measures
17 out of the press, and there were but twenty. I smote you
with blasting and with mildew and with hail in all the
labours of your hands; yet none of you turned to me, Jeho-
18 vah hath said it. Consider now from this day and upward,
from the four and twentieth day of the ninth month, even
from the day that the foundation of the Temple of Jehovah
19 was laid, consider; is the seed yet in the barn? Yea, as yet
the vine, and the fig tree, and the pomegranate, and the
olive tree, have not brought forth; but from this day will I
bless you.

20 AND AGAIN THE WORD of Jehovah came unto Haggai on
21 the four and twentieth day of the month, saying, Speak to
Zerubbabel, the Pasha of Judah, saying, I will shake the
22 heavens and the earth; and I will overthrow the throne of
the kingdoms, and I will destroy the strength of the king-
doms of the nations; and I will overthrow the chariots,
and those that ride in them; and the horses and their riders
shall come down, every one by the sword of his brother.
23 In that day, Jehovah of hosts hath said it, will I take thee,
O Zerubbabel, my servant, the son of Shealtiel, Jehovah
hath said it, and will make thee as a signet ring; for I have
chosen thee; Jehovah of hosts hath said it.

ZECHARIAH.

1 IN THE EIGHTH MONTH, in the second year of Darius [B. C.
520], came the word of Jehovah unto Zechariah the son of
2 Berechiah the son of Iddo, the prophet, saying, 'Jehovah
3 'hath been sore displeased with your fathers. Therefore
'say thou to them, Thus saith Jehovah of hosts; Turn ye
'to me, Jehovah of hosts hath said it, and I will turn to you,
4 'saith Jehovah of hosts. Be ye not as your fathers, to
'whom the former prophets have cried, saying, Thus saith
'Jehovah of hosts; Turn ye now from your evil ways, and
'from your evil doings; but they did not hear, nor hearken

'to me, Jehovah hath said it. Your fathers, where are 5
'they? and the prophets, do they live for ever? But my 6
'words and my statutes, which I commanded my servants
'the prophets, did they not overtake your fathers?' And
they returned and said, 'Like as Jehovah of hosts thought
'to do to us, according to our ways, and according to our
'doings, so hath he dealt with us.'

UPON THE FOUR AND TWENTIETH day of the eleventh 7
month, which is the month Sebat, in the second year of
Darius, came the word of Jehovah to Zechariah the son of
Berechiah the son of Iddo, the prophet, saying, 'I looked 8
'by night, and behold a man riding upon a red horse, and
'he stood among the myrtle trees that were in the shady
'bottom; and behind him were horses, red, brown, and
'white.' Then said I, 'O my lord, what are these?' And 9
the angel that talked with me said to me, 'I will shew thee
'what these are.' And the man that stood among the 10
myrtle trees answered and said, 'These are they whom Jeho-
'vah hath sent to walk to and fro upon the earth.' And 11
they answered the angel of Jehovah that stood among the
myrtle trees, and said, 'We have walked to and fro upon
'the earth, and, behold, all the earth sitteth still, and is at
'rest.' Then the angel of Jehovah answered and said, 'O 12
'Jehovah of hosts, how long wilt thou not have mercy on
'Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which thou
'hast had indignation these threescore and ten years?' And 13
Jehovah answered the angel that talked with me with good
words and comfortable words. So the angel that talked 14
with me said to me, 'Cry thou, saying, Thus saith Jehovah
'of hosts; I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a
'great jealousy. And I am very sore displeased with the 15
'Nations that are at ease. For when I was but a little dis-
'pleased, then they helped forward the affliction. There- 16
'fore thus saith Jehovah; I am returned to Jerusalem with
'mercies; my House shall be built in it, Jehovah of hosts
'hath said it, and a line shall be stretched forth upon Jeru-
'salem. Cry yet, saying, Thus saith Jehovah of hosts; 17
'Mine enemies shall yet be scattered abroad from prosperity;
'and Jehovah will yet comfort Zion, and will yet choose
'Jerusalem.'

Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold, four 18
horns. And I said to the angel that talked with me, 19

'What are these?' And he said to me, 'These are the
'horns which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem.'
20 And Jehovah shewed me four instruments. Then said I,
21 'What come these to do?' And he spake, saying, 'These
'are the horns which have scattered Judah, so that no
'man lifted up his head; but these are come to frighten
'them, to cast out the horns of the Nations, who lifted up
'their horn against the land of Judah to scatter it.'

1 I lifted up mine eyes again, and looked, and behold a
2 man with a measuring line in his hand. Then said I,
'Whither goest thou?' And he said to me, 'To measure
'Jerusalem, to see what is its breadth, and what is its
3 'length.' And, behold, the angel that talked with me went
4 forth, and another angel went forth to meet him, and said
to him, 'Run, speak to this young man, saying, Jerusalem
'shall be inhabited like the villages for the multitude of
5 'men and cattle therein; for I will be unto her, Jehovah
'hath said it, a wall of fire round about, and I will be the
'Glory in the midst of her.

6 'Ho, ho; yea, flee from the land of the north, Jehovah
'hath said it. For I have spread you abroad as the four
7 'winds of the heavens, Jehovah hath said it. Ho, Zion,
'deliver thyself, thou that dwellest with the daughter of
8 'Babylon. For thus saith Jehovah of hosts; Afterwards
'the Glory hath sent me to the nations that spoiled you.
'For he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye.
9 'For, behold, I will shake my fist at them, and they shall
'be a spoil to their servants; and ye shall know that Jeho-
'vah of hosts hath sent me.

10 'Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion; for, lo, I come,
'and I will dwell in the midst of thee, Jehovah hath said
11 'it. And many nations shall be joined to Jehovah in that
'day, and shall be my people. And I will dwell in the midst
'of thee, and thou shalt know that Jehovah of hosts hath
12 'sent me to thee. And Jehovah will inherit Judah as his
'portion in the Holy Land, and will choose Jerusalem again.
13 'O be silent, all flesh, before Jehovah; for he is risen up
'out of his holy habitation.'

1 And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing be-
fore the angel of Jehovah, and Satan [or the Accuser] stand-
2 ing at his right hand to accuse him. And Jehovah said

to Satan, 'Jehovah rebuketh thee, O Satan; even Jehovah
'that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuketh thee. Is not this
'man a brand plucked out of the fire?' Now Joshua was 3
clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel.
And he answered and spake to those that stood before him, 4
saying, 'Take away the filthy garments from him.' And
to him he said, 'Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to
'pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with holiday raiment.'
And I said, 'Let them set a clean turban upon his head.' 5
So they set a clean turban upon his head, and clothed him
with garments. And the angel of Jehovah stood by. And 6
the angel of Jehovah protested unto Joshua, saying, Thus 7
saith Jehovah of hosts; 'If thou wilt walk in my ways,
'and if thou wilt keep my charge, then thou shalt also
'judge my House, and shalt also keep my Courts, and I
'will give thee guides among these that stand by. Hear 8
'now, O Joshua, high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit
'before thee; for they are men to be wondered at; for, be-
'hold, I will bring forth my servant [Zerubbabel] the
'Branch. For behold the stone that I have laid before 9
'Joshua; upon one stone shall be seven eyes; behold, I
'will engrave the graving thereof, Jehovah of hosts hath
'said it; and I will remove the inquity of that land in one
'day. In that day, Jehovah of hosts hath said it, shall ye 10
'call every man to his neighbour under the vine and under
'the fig tree.'

And the angel that talked with me came again, and 1
waked me, as a man that is awakened out of his sleep, and 2
said to me, 'What seest thou?' And I said, 'I have looked,
'and behold a lamp-stand of solid gold, with a bowl upon
'the top of it, and its seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes
'to the seven lamps, which are upon the top thereof; and 3
'two olive trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl,
'and the other upon its left side.' And I answered and 4
spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, 'What are
'these, my lord?' Then the angel that talked with me an- 5
swered and said to me, 'Knowest thou not what these are?'
And I said, 'No, my lord.' Then he answered and spake 6
to me, saying, 'This is the word of Jehovah unto Zerubba-
'bel, saying, Not by might, nor by power [shall it be], but
'by my spirit, saith Jehovah of hosts. Who art thou, O great 7

'mountain? Before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a table-
'land. And he shall bring forth the headstone with the
'shouts of, Mercy, mercy on it.'

8 MOREOVER THE WORD of Jehovah came to me, saying,
9 'The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this
'House; his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know
10 'that Jehovah of hosts hath sent me to you. For who
'hath despised the day of small things? They shall even
'rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerub-
'babel. These seven are the eyes of Jehovah, which
11 'run to and fro upon the whole earth.' Then answered I,
and said to him, 'What are these two olive trees upon the
12 'right side of the lamp-stand and upon its left side?' And
I answered again, and said to him, 'What are these two
'olive branches which through the two golden pipes empty
13 'the golden [oil] out of themselves?' And he spake to me,
saying, 'Knowest thou not what these are?' And I said,
14 'No, my lord.' Then said he, 'These are the two anointed
'ones [Zerubbabel and Joshua], that stand by the Lord of
'the whole earth.'

1 Then I turned, and lifted up my eyes, and looked, and
2 behold a book-roll flying. And he said to me, 'What seest
'thou?' And I said, 'I see a book-roll flying; its length
3 'is twenty cubits, and its breadth ten cubits.' Then said
he to me, 'This is the curse that goeth forth over the face
'of the whole earth. For according to it, every one that
'stealeth shall be cut off from hence; and according to it,
4 'every one that sweareth shall be cut off from hence. I
'will bring it forth, Jehovah of hosts hath said it; and it
'shall enter into the house of the thief, and into the house
'of him that sweareth falsely by my name; and it shall
'remain in the midst of his house, and shall consume it
'with its timber and its stones.'

5 Then the angel that talked with me went forth, and said
to me, 'Lift up now thine eyes, and see what is this that
6 'goeth forth.' And I said, 'What is it?' And he said,
'This is an Ephah [or Bushel measure] that goeth forth.'
He said moreover, 'This is their resemblance upon all the
7 'earth.' And, behold, there was lifted up a Kikar [or
Hundred-weight] of lead, and this woman was sitting in the
8 midst of the Ephah. And he said, 'This is wickedness.'
And he cast her into the midst of the Ephah; and he cast

the weight of lead upon its mouth. Then I lifted up mine 9
eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came forth two women,
and the wind was in their wings; for they had wings like
the wings of a stork; and they lifted up the Ephah between
the earth and the heavens. Then said I to the angel that 10
talked with me, 'Whither do these bear the Ephah?' And 11
he said to me, 'To build for it a house in the land of
'Shinar [or Babylonia]; and it shall be established, and set
'there upon its own base.'

And I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and, 1
behold, there came four chariots out from between two
mountains; and the mountains were mountains of copper.
In the first chariot were red horses; and in the second 2
chariot black horses; and in the third chariot white horses; 3
and in the fourth chariot strong spotted horses. Then I 4
answered and said to the angel that talked with me, 'What
'are these, my lord?' And the angel answered and said to 5
me, 'These are the four spirits of the heavens, which go
'forth from standing before the Lord of all the earth. The 6
'black horses which are therein go forth into the north
'country; and the white go forth after them; and the
'spotted go forth toward the south country.' And the 7
strong ones went forth, and sought to go that they might
go and walk to and fro upon the earth. And he said, 'Get
'you hence, walk to and fro upon the earth.' So they
walked to and fro upon the earth. Then cried he upon me, 8
and spake to me, saying, 'Behold, these that go toward
'the north country have quieted my spirit in the north
'country.'

AND THE WORD of Jehovah came to me, saying, Take 9
from them of the captivity, even from Heldai, from Tobijah, 10
and from Jedaiah, who are come from Babylon, and come
thou the same day, and go into the house of Josiah the son
of Zephaniah; even take silver and gold, and make crowns, 11
and set them upon the head of Joshua the son of Josedech,
the high priest; and speak to him, saying, Thus saith Jeho- 12
vah of hosts, saying, 'Behold, there is a man [Zerubbabel]
'whose name is The Branch; and he shall branch forth from
'his place, and shall build the temple of Jehovah.' Even 13
he shall build the temple of Jehovah; and he [Joshua]
shall raise up the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his
throne. and shall be a priest upon his throne. And the

14 counsel of peace shall be between the two. And the crowns
shall be for Helem, and for Tobijah, and for Jedaiah, and
for Hen the son of Zephaniah, for a memorial in the temple
15 of Jehovah. And they that are far off shall come and build
in the temple of Jehovah, and ye shall know that Jehovah
of hosts hath sent me unto you. And this shall come to
pass, if ye will diligently obey the voice of Jehovah your
God.

1 AND IT CAME TO PASS in the fourth year of king Darius
[B.C. 518], that the word of Jehovah came unto Zechariah
on the fourth day of the ninth month, even in the month
2 Chisleu; when they had sent to the House of God Sherezer
and Regem-melech, and their men, to entreat the presence
3 of Jehovah, and to speak to the priests that were in the
House of Jehovah of hosts, and to the prophets, saying,
'Should I weep in the fifth month, separating myself [as a
'Nazarite], as I have done these so many years?'

4 Then came the word of Jehovah of hosts to me, saying,
5 Speak to all the people of the land, and to the priests,
saying, 'When ye fasted and mourned in the fifth and in
'the seventh month, even those seventy years, did ye when
6 'fasting fast unto me, even to me? And when ye did eat,
'and when ye did drink, did not ye eat for yourselves, and
7 'drink for yourselves? Should ye not hear the words which
'Jehovah hath cried by the hand of the former prophets,
'when Jerusalem was inhabited and in prosperity, and men
'inhabited her cities round about her, and the South coun-
'try and the Low country?'

8 AND THE WORD OF JEHOVAH came to Zechariah, saying,
9 Thus speaketh Jehovah of hosts, saying, 'Execute true
'judgment, and shew kindness and compassion every man
10 'to his brother; and oppress not the widow, nor the father-
'less, the stranger, nor the poor; and let none of you devise
11 'evil against his brother in your heart.' But they refused
to hearken, and turned a stubborn shoulder, and made
12 their ears dull, that they should not hear. Yea, they made
their hearts as an adamant stone, lest they should hear the
Law, and the words which Jehovah of hosts hath sent by
his spirit by the hands of the former prophets. Therefore
13 came a great wrath from Jehovah of hosts; and it came to
pass, that as He cried, and they would not hear; 'so they

'will cry, and I will not hear,' said Jehovah of hosts; 'but
'I will scatter them with a whirlwind among all the na- 14
'tions whom they know not.' Thus the land was made
desolate after them, that no man passed through nor re-
turned. For they made the Pleasant Land [or Judea] a
desolation.

AGAIN THE WORD of Jehovah of hosts came, saying, Thus 1
saith Jehovah of hosts; I was jealous for Zion with great 2
jealousy, and I was jealous for her with great wrath.

Thus saith Jehovah; I am returned to Zion, and will 3
dwell in the midst of Jerusalem; and Jerusalem shall be
called a city of truth; and the mountain of Jehovah of
hosts the holy mountain.

Thus saith Jehovah of hosts; There shall yet old men 4
and old women dwell in the broad places of Jerusalem, and
every man with his staff in his hand because of the num-
ber of his days. And the broad places of the city shall be 5
full of boys and girls playing in its broad places.

Thus saith Jehovah of hosts; If it shall be marvellous 6
in the eyes of the remnant of this people in those days,
it shall also be marvellous in mine eyes; Jehovah of hosts
hath said it.

Thus saith Jehovah of hosts; Behold, I will save my 7
people from the east country, and from the west country;
and I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst 8
of Jerusalem. And they shall be my people, and I will be
their God, in truth and in righteousness.

Thus saith Jehovah of hosts; Let your hands be strong, 9
ye that hear in these days these words by the mouth of the
prophets that were in the day that the foundation of the
House of Jehovah of hosts was laid, that the temple may
be built. For before those days there was no hire for man, 10
nor any hire for beast; neither to him that went out or
came in was there any peace from the affliction. For I set
all men every one against his neighbour. But now I will 11
not be unto the residue of this people as in the former
days, Jehovah of hosts hath said it. For the seed shall 12
be prosperous, the vine shall give her fruit, and the ground
shall give her increase, and the heavens shall give their
dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess
all these things. And it shall come to pass, that as ye were 13

a curse among the Nations, O house of Judah, and house of Israel; so will I save you, and ye shall be a blessing. Fear not, but let your hands be strong.

14 For thus saith Jehovah of hosts; As I thought to bring
15 evil upon you, when your fathers provoked me to wrath, saith Jehovah of hosts, and I repented not; so again have I thought in these days to bring good upon Jerusalem and
16 upon the house of Judah. Fear ye not. These are the things that ye shall do; Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbour; judge in truth and in the judgment of peace
17 at your city gates; and let none of you devise evil in your hearts against his neighbour; and love no false oath; for all these are things that I hate; Jehovah hath said it.

18 And the word of Jehovah of hosts came to me, saying,
19 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts; The fast of the fourth month, and the fast of the fifth, and the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth, shall be to the house of Judah for joy and for gladness, and for solemn feasts of cheerfulness. Therefore love truth and peace.

20 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts; It shall yet be, that there
21 shall come people, and the inhabitants of many cities, and the inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, 'Let 'us go speedily to entreat the presence of Jehovah, and to
22 'seek Jehovah of hosts; I will go also.' Yea, many people and strong nations shall come to seek Jehovah of hosts in Jerusalem, and to entreat the presence of Jehovah.

23 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts; In those days it shall be, that ten men out of all the languages of the Nations shall take hold, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, 'We will go with you; for we have heard that 'God is with you.'

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1 The burden of the word of Jehovah against the land of Hadrach, and Damascus its resting-place, when the eyes of mankind, as of all the tribes of Israel, shall be toward
2 Jehovah; and also against Hamath which bordereth thereto; against Tyre, and Sidon, though it be very wise.

3 And Tyre buildeth for herself a stronghold, and heapeth up silver as dust, and fine gold as the mire of the streets.
4 Behold, the Lord will cast her out, and he will smite her power in the sea; and she shall be devoured with fire.
5 Askalon shall see it, and shall fear; Gaza also, and shall

be very sorrowful; and Ekron, for her expectation shall be ashamed. And the king shall perish from Gaza, and Askalon shall not be inhabited. And the foreigner shall dwell in Ashdod, and I will cut off the pride of the Philistines. And I will take away his bloodshed out of his mouth, and his abominations from between his teeth. But he that remaineth, even he, shall be for our God, and he shall be as a governor in Judah, and Ekron shall be as a Jebusite. And I will encamp a garrison about my House, because of him that passeth by, and because of him that returneth. And no tribute-gatherer shall pass through them any more; for now have I seen with mine eyes.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem. Behold, thy king cometh to thee; he is just, and bringing salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, even upon a colt the foal of a she-ass. And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem, and the battle bow shall be cut off. And he shall speak peace unto the Nations; and his dominion shall be from Sea to Sea, and from the River [Euphrates] even to the ends of the land.

As for thee also, by the blood of thy covenant I have sent forth thy prisoners out of the dungeon-pit wherein is no water. Turn you to the stronghold, ye prisoners of hope; even to-day do I declare that I will repay double to thee. For I have guided the aim of Judah for me, I have filled the bow of Ephraim, and have raised up thy sons, O Zion, against thy sons, O Greece, and made thee as the sword of a warrior. And Jehovah shall be seen over them, and his arrows shall go forth as the lightning; and the Lord Jehovah will blow the trumpet, and will go with whirlwinds of the south. Jehovah of hosts will be a shield to them; and they shall devour, and subdue with stones from the sling; and they shall drink, and make a noise as through wine; and they shall be filled like the sprinkling vessels, and as the corner stones of the Altar. And Jehovah their God will save them in that day as the flock of his people. For they shall be as the stones of a crown, lifted up as an ensign upon his land. For how great is his goodness, and how great is his beauty! Corn shall make the young men flourish, and grape juice the maids.

Ask ye of Jehovah rain in the time of the latter rain;

so Jehovah will make lightning storms, and give to them
2 showers of rain, to every one grass in the field. For the
Teraphs [or idols] have spoken vanity, and the diviners
have seen false visions, and have told vain dreams; they
comfort in vain. Therefore they went their way as a flock,
they were troubled, because there was no shepherd.
3 Mine anger is kindled against the shepherds, and I will
punish the leader-goats. For Jehovah of hosts hath visited
his flock the house of Judah, and hath made them as his
4 goodly horse in the battle. Out of him went forth the
corner-turret, out of him the tent-pin, out of him the battle
5 bow, out of him every tribute-gatherer together. And they
shall be as warriors, who trample down in battle, as in the
mire of the streets; and they shall fight, because Jehovah
is with them, and the riders on horses shall be confounded.
6 And I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will save
the house of Joseph, and I will place them at home again;
for I have pity upon them. And they shall be as though
I had not cast them off; for I am Jehovah their God, and
7 will answer them. And Ephraim shall be like a warrior,
and their heart shall rejoice as through wine; yea, their
children shall see it, and rejoice; their heart shall be
8 glad in Jehovah. I will whistle for them, and gather them
in; for I have redeemed them; and they shall increase as
9 they have increased. And I will sow them among the Na-
tions. And they shall remember me in far countries; and
10 they shall live with their children, and return home. I will
bring them home also out of the land of Lower Egypt, and
gather them out of Assyria; and I will bring them into
the land of Gilead and Lebanon; and room shall not be
11 found for them. And he shall pass through the narrow
[or Red] sea, and he shall smite the waves in the sea, and
all the deeps of the river [Nile] shall dry up; and the pride
of Assyria shall be brought down, and the sceptre of Egypt
12 shall depart away. And I will strengthen them in Jeho-
vah; and they shall walk up and down in his name,
Jehovah hath said it.

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1 OPEN THY DOORS, O Lebanon, that the fire may devour
2 thy cedars. Howl, thou fir tree; for the cedar is fallen;
because the mighty ones are plundered. Howl, O ye oaks

of Bashan; for the fenced forest is come down. There is 3
a sound of the howling of the shepherds; for their glory
is spoiled; a sound of the roaring of young lions [or Assy-
rians]; for the pride of the Jordan is laid waste.

Thus saith Jehovah my God; 'Feed the flock of the 4
'slaughter; whose possessors slay them, and hold them- 5
'selves not guilty. And they that sell them say, Blessed
'be Jehovah; for I am rich. And their own shepherds
'pity them not. For I will no more pity the inhabitants 6
'of the land, Jehovah hath said it. But, lo, I will deliver
'the men every one into his neighbour's hand, and into the
'hand of his king. And they shall smite the land, and
'out of their hand I will not deliver them.' And I fed 7
the flock'of the slaughter, even you, O poor of the flock.
And I took to me two staves; the one I called Beauty, and
the other I called Bands; and I fed the flock. Three 8
shepherds also I cut off in one month [Jeroboam II., Za-
chariah and Shallum]; and my soul was weary of them,
and their soul also abhorred me.

Then said I, 'I will not feed you. That which dieth, let 9
'it die; and that which is to be cut off, let it be cut off;
'and let the rest eat each the flesh of his neighbour.' And 10
I took my staff, even Beauty, and cut it asunder, that I
might break my covenant which I had made with all the
peoples. And it was broken in that day; and so the poor 11
of the flock that waited upon me knew that it was the word
of Jehovah. And I said to them, 'If ye think good, give 12
'me my hire; and if not, forbear.' So they weighed for
my hire thirty pieces of silver. And Jehovah said to me, 13
'Cast it into the treasury;' a goodly price that I was prized
at by them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and
cast them into the treasury in the House of Jehovah. Then 14
I cut asunder mine other staff, even Bands, that I might
break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.

And Jehovah said to me, 'Take to thee yet again the 15
'instruments of a foolish shepherd. For, lo, I have raised 16
'up a shepherd [Menahem] in the land, who shall not visit
'those that are cut off, nor shall he look after the young,
'nor heal that which is broken, nor support that which
'standeth still; but he shall eat the flesh of the fattened
'ones, and tear off their hoofs. Woe to the worthless 17

'shepherd that leaveth the flock! the sword shall be upon
'his arm, and upon his right eye. His arm shall be clean
'dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened.'

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1 THE BURDEN OF THE WORD of Jehovah against Israel,
Jehovah hath said it, who stretched forth the heavens, and
laid the foundation of the earth, and formed the spirit of
man within him.
2 Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of reeling unto all
the peoples round about; and for Judah also it shall be in
3 the siege against Jerusalem. And in that day will I make
Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all nations. All that
burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though
all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.
4 In that day, Jehovah hath said it, I will smite every horse
with astonishment, and his rider with madness; and I will
open mine eyes upon the house of Judah, and will smite
5 every horse of the Nations with blindness. And the govern-
ors of Judah shall say in their heart, 'The inhabitants of
'Jerusalem shall be my strength in Jehovah of hosts their
'God.'
6 In that day will I make the governors of Judah like a
pan of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a
sheaf; and they shall devour all the nations round about,
on the right hand and on the left; and Jerusalem shall be
7 inhabited again in her own place, even in Jerusalem. Jeho-
vah also shall save the tents of Judah first, so that the glory
of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of
8 Jerusalem do not magnify themselves against Judah. In
that day shall Jehovah defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
And he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as
David; and the house of David shall be as God, as the
angel of Jehovah before them.
9 And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek
to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.
10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the
inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of suppli-
cations. And they shall look upon him whom they have
pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for
his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that
11 is in bitterness for his firstborn. In that day shall there
be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Ha-

dadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon. And the land shall 12
mourn, family and family apart; the family of the house of
David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house
of Nathan apart, and their wives apart; the family of the 13
house of Levi apart, and their wives apart; the family of
Shimei apart, and their wives apart; all the families that 14
remain, family and family apart, and their wives apart.

In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house 1
of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and
for uncleanness. And it shall come to pass in that day, 2
Jehovah of hosts hath said it, that I will cut off the names
of the idols out of the land, and they shall no more be re-
membered. And also I will cause the prophets and the
spirit of uncleanness to pass out of the land. And it shall 3
come to pass, that when any one shall yet prophesy, then
his father and his mother that begat him shall say to him,
'Thou shalt not live; for thou speakest falsehoods in the
'name of Jehovah.' And his father and his mother that
begat him shall thrust him through when he prophesieth.
And it shall come to pass in that day, that the prophets 4
shall be ashamed every one of his vision, when he hath
prophesied; neither shall they wear a garment of hair in
order to deceive. But he shall say, 'I am no prophet, I 5
'am a tiller of the ground; for a man purchased me from
'my youth.' And one shall say to him, 'What are these 6
'wounds in thy hands?' Then he shall answer, 'Those
'with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.'

AWAKE, O SWORD, against my shepherd, and against the 7
man of my friendship, Jehovah of hosts hath said it. Smite
the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered; and I will
turn my hand against the vile ones. And it shall come to 8
pass, that in all the land, Jehovah hath said it, two parts
therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left
therein. And I will bring the third part through the fire, 9
and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them
as gold is tried. They shall call on my name, and I will
answer them; I will say, 'It is my people;' and they shall
say, 'Jehovah is my God.'

Behold, the day of Jehovah cometh, and thy spoil shall 1
be divided in the midst of thee. For I will gather all the 2
Nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be
taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and

half of the city shall go forth into captivity, but the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

3 Then shall Jehovah go forth, and fight against those nations, as in the day of battle, in the day when he fought.
4 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east; and the mount of Olives shall be rent in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall be removed
5 toward the north, and half of it toward the south. And ye shall flee by the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach to Azal; yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. And Jehovah my God shall come,
6 and all the holy ones with him. And it shall come to pass in that day, that there shall be no light, but cold
7 and frost. But it shall be a day which shall be known to Jehovah, which shall be neither day nor night; but it shall
8 come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light. And it shall be on that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the Eastern [or Dead] Sea, and half of them toward the Western [or Mediterranean]
9 Sea. Both in summer and in winter shall it be. And Jehovah shall be king over all the earth; in that day shall
10 there be one Jehovah, and his name shall be One. All the land shall be turned round as the Barren Plain from Geba to Rimmon on the south of Jerusalem. And it shall be lifted up, and then shall abide in its own place, from the Gate of Benjamin to the place of the First Gate, to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananeel to the King's
11 Winepresses. And men shall dwell in it, and there shall be no more utter destruction; but Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited.

12 And this shall be the plague wherewith Jehovah will smite all the nations that have fought against Jerusalem; their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and
13 their tongue shall consume away in their mouth. And it shall come to pass in that day, that a great tumult from Jehovah shall be among them; and they shall lay hold every one on the hand of his neighbour, and his hand shall
14 rise up against the hand of his neighbour. And Judah

also shall fight against Jerusalem. And the wealth of all the Nations round about shall be gathered together, gold, and silver, and apparel, in great abundance. And thus 15
shall be the plague of the horse, of the mule, of the camel, and of the ass, and of all the cattle that shall be in those camps, as this plague.

And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of 16
all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, Jehovah of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. And it shall be, that 17
whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth to Jerusalem to worship the King, Jehovah of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain. And if the family of Egypt go not 18
up, and come not, even upon them there shall be none; there shall be the plague, wherewith Jehovah will smite the Nations that come not up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. This shall be for the sins of Egypt, and for the 19
sins of all nations that come not up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, 20
'Holy to Jehovah;' and the pots in the House of Jehovah shall be like the sprinkling vessels before the altar. Yea, 21
every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holy to Jehovah of hosts. And all they that sacrifice shall come and take some of them, and cook therein. And in that day there shall be no more a Canaanite [or dealer] in the House of Jehovah of hosts.

MALACHI

THE BURDEN OF THE WORD of Jehovah to Israel by the 1
hand of Malachi. I have loved you, saith Jehovah. Yet 2
ye say, 'Wherein hast thou loved us?'—Was not Esau Jacob's brother? Jehovah hath said it; yet I loved Jacob, and I hated Esau; and I made his mountains a waste, and 3
gave his heritage to the jackals of the desert. Whereas 4
Edom saith, 'We are impoverished, but we will return and 'build up the desolate places;' thus saith Jehovah of hosts, They shall build, but I will throw down; and they shall call them, 'The boundary of wickedness,' and 'The people 'against whom Jehovah hath indignation for ever.' And 5

your eyes shall see, and ye shall say, 'Jehovah will be
'magnified beyond the boundary of Israel.'
6 A son honoureth his father, and a servant his master.
But if I be a father, where is my honour? and if I be a
master, where is the fear of me? saith Jehovah of hosts to
you, O priests, that despise my name. And ye say, 'Wherein
7 'have we despised thy name?'—Ye bring polluted bread to
mine altar. And ye say, 'Wherein have we polluted thee?'
—In that ye say, 'The table of Jehovah is contemptible.'
8 And when ye bring the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil?
And when ye bring the lame and sick, is it not evil?
Offer it now to thy Pasha [or governor]; will he be pleased
with thee, or accept thy person? saith Jehovah of hosts.
9 And now, I pray you, entreat the face of God that he
may be gracious to us. This hath been done by your
hands; will he regard your persons? saith Jehovah of hosts.
10 Who is there even among you that would shut the [temple]
doors? neither do ye kindle fire on mine altar, without pay. I
have no pleasure in you, saith Jehovah of hosts, neither will
11 I be pleased with a meal offering at your hand. For from the
rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my
name is great among the Nations; and in every place in-
cense is offered to my name, and a pure meal offering; for my
name is great among the Nations, saith Jehovah of hosts.
12 But ye have profaned it, in that ye say, 'The table of Jeho-
'vah is polluted; and the fruit thereof, even its food, is con-
13 'temptible.' Ye said also, 'Behold, what a weariness it is!'
And ye have snuffed at it, saith Jehovah of hosts; and ye
brought the torn, and the lame, and the sick. And thus
ye brought the meal offering. Could I be pleased with
14 this at your hand? saith Jehovah. But cursed be the
deceiver, who hath in his flock a male, and who voweth it,
and then sacrificeth to the Lord a corrupt thing. For I am a
great King, saith Jehovah of hosts; and my name is dreaded
among the Nations.
1 And now, O ye priests, this command is for you. If ye
2 will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory
to my name, saith Jehovah of hosts, I will even send the
curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings; yea, I have
3 cursed them already, because ye do not lay it to heart. Be-
hold, I will order away your seed, and spread dung upon
your faces, the dung of your solemn feasts; and one shall

carry you unto it. And ye shall know that I have sent 4
this command to you, that my covenant might be with
Levi, saith Jehovah of hosts. My covenant of life and 5
peace was with him; and I gave them to him because of
the fear wherewith he feared me, and was afraid before
my name.
The law of truth was in his mouth, 6
And iniquity was not found in his lips;
He walked with me in peace and equity,
And he did turn many away from iniquity.
For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, 7
And men should seek the Law at his mouth;
For he is the messenger of Jehovah of hosts.

But ye are departed out of the way; ye have caused many 8
to stumble at the Law; ye have corrupted the covenant of
Levi, saith Jehovah of hosts. Therefore have I also made 9
you contemptible and base before all the people, according
as ye have not kept my ways, but have accepted men's
persons in the Law.

Have we not all one father? Hath not one God created 10
us? Why deal we treacherously each against his brother,
by profaning the covenant of our fathers? Judah hath 11
dealt treacherously, and an abomination is committed in
Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah hath profaned the Holy
Place of Jehovah whom he loved, and hath married the
daughter of a foreign god. Jehovah will cut off the man 12
that doeth this, him that watcheth and him that answereth,
out of the tents of Jacob, and him that bringeth a meal
offering unto Jehovah of hosts.

And this have ye done again, covering the Altar of Jehovah 13
with tears, with weeping, and with groans, in that he re-
gardeth not the meal offering any more, or receiveth it with
good will at your hand. Yet ye say, 'Wherefore?'—Because 14
Jehovah hath been witness between thee and the wife of
thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously.
Yet is she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant.
And did not He make [the two] one? though the residue 15
of the spirit belonged to him. And wherefore one?—That
he might seek a seed unto God. Therefore take heed to
your spirit, and let no one deal treacherously against the wife
of his youth. For the putter away is hateful, saith Jeho- 16
vah the God of Israel; for he covereth violence with his

garment, saith Jehovah of hosts. Therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously.

17 Ye have wearied Jehovah with your words. Yet ye say, 'Wherein have we wearied him?'—In that ye say, 'Every 'one that doeth evil is good in the sight of Jehovah, and 'he delighteth in them;' or, 'Where is the God of judg-'ment?'

1 Behold, I will send my messenger [or Malachi], and he shall prepare the way before me; and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, which ye delight in. Behold, he shall come, 2 saith Jehovah of hosts. But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? For he 3 is like a refiner's fire, and like the washers' soap. And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and as silver, that they may bring to Jehovah a meal offering 4 in righteousness. Then shall the meal offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant to Jehovah, as in the days of 5 old, and as in former years. And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn away 6 the stranger, and fear not me, saith Jehovah of hosts. For I am Jehovah, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

7 Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, saith Jehovah of hosts. But ye say, 'Wherein shall we return?'

8 Shall a man cheat God? Yet ye have cheated me. But ye say, 'Wherein have we cheated thee?'—In tithes and in 9 heave offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse; for ye have 10 cheated me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in my House. And prove me now in this, saith Jehovah of hosts, if I will not open to you the windows of the heavens, and pour out to you a blessing, until there shall not be room enough for 11 it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine be barren in the field, saith Jehovah of hosts.

And all the Nations shall call you blessed; for ye shall be 12
a delightful land, saith Jehovah of hosts.

Your words have been stout against me, saith Jehovah. 13
Yet ye say, 'What have we spoken so much against thee?'—
Ye have said, 'It is vain to serve God; and what profit is 14
'it that we have kept his charge, and that we have walked
'mournfully before Jehovah of hosts? And now we call 15
'the proud happy. Yea, they that work wickedness are
'built up. Yea, they that tempt God are even delivered.'

Then they that feared Jehovah spake often one to ano- 16
ther. And Jehovah hearkened, and heard it, and a book
of remembrance was written before him for them that feared
Jehovah, and that thought upon his name. And they shall 17
be mine, saith Jehovah of hosts, in that day when I make
up my peculiar treasure; and I will spare them, as a man
spareth his own son that serveth him. Then shall ye return, 18
and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between
him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.

For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; 1
and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be
stubble. And the day that cometh shall burn them up,
saith Jehovah of hosts, so that it shall leave to them neither
root nor branch. But unto you that fear my name shall 2
the sun of righteousness arise with healing on its wings;
and ye shall go forth, and grow fat as calves of the stall.
And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be 3
ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do
this, saith Jehovah of hosts.

Remember ye the Law of Moses my servant, which I 4
commanded to him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes
and judgments.

Behold, I will send to you Elijah the prophet before the 5
coming of the great and dreadful day of Jehovah. And he 6
shall bring back the heart of the fathers to the children,
and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come
and smite the earth with a curse.

THE END.

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Eccl. iv. 4, for "And I was," read "And I saw."